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3	SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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5	JENNIFER S. FISCHMAN,
	Plaintiff,
6	-against-
	MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL HOLDINGS AMERICA,
7	INC.; MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL HOLDINGS
	CORPORATION; NICOLAS OLIVA, in his
8	individual and professional capacities;
	DONNA COSTA, in her individual and
9	professional capacities; and JOHN DOES
	1-10, in their individual and professional
10	capacities,
	Defendants.
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21	New York, pursuant to the Federal Rules of
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Page 4 1 2 STIPULATIONS 3 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by 4 and among counsel for the respective 5 parties hereto, that the filing, sealing and certification of the within deposition 6 7 shall be and the same are hereby waived; IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED 8 9 that all objections, except as to form of 10 the question, shall be reserved to the 11 time of the trial; 12 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED 13 that the within deposition may be signed 14 before any Notary Public with the same 15 force and effect as if signed and sworn to 16 before the Court. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Good morning, we are going on the record at 10:19 a.m. on December 15, 2020. Please note that the microphones are sensitive, and may pick up whispering, private conversations and cellular interference. Please turn off all cell phones, or place them away from the microphones, as they can interfere with the deposition audio. Audio and video recording will continue to take place unless all parties agree to go off the record. This is media unit one of the video recorded deposition of Joshua Berman, taken by counsel for the defendant in the matter of Jennifer S. Fischman versus Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings America, Incorporated, Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings Corporation, Nicolas Oliva in his individual and professional capacities, Donna Costa in her individual and

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Page 6 1 J. BERMAN 2 professional capacities, and John 3 Does 1 through 10 in the individual 4 and professional capacities, filed 5 in the United States District 6 Court, Southern District of New 7 York, civil action number 8 18-CV-08188 (JMF.) 9 The deposition is being held remote virtual Zoom located in 10 11 Scarsdale, New York 10583. My name 12 is Marco Sozio from the firm 13 Veritext New York, and I'm the 14 The court reporter videographer. 15 is Jeremy Richman, from the firm 16 Veritext New York. 17 I am not authorized to 18 administer an oath, I am not 19 related to any party in this 20 action, nor am I financially 21 interested in the outcome. Counsel 22 and all present in the room and 23 everyone attending remotely will 24 now state their appearances and 25 affiliations for the record.

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there are any objections to the proceeding, please state them at the time of your appearance, beginning with the noticing attorney.

MS. COLWIN: Good morning, all. Mercedes Colwin from the Law Offices of Gordon Rees. I am present defending Nicolas Oliva, Donna Costa and Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings America. With me are my colleagues Brittany Primavera and Peter Siachos.

MR. ANHANG: My name is

George Anhang. Anhang is spelled

A-N-H-A-N-G. I'm with the law firm

of Shearman and Sterling. There

are two entities represented by

Shearman and Sterling in connection

with this matter. The first is

Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation,

the second is Mitsubishi Chemical

Holdings Corporation. My

appearance today is without waiver

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2	of, and we expressly reserve all
3	rights with respect to all defenses
4	of our clients, including the
5	defense that the court in this
6	matter is without personal
7	jurisdiction over Mitsubishi
8	Chemical Holdings Corporation.
9	That defense is the subject of a
10	pending motion to dismiss by
11	Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings
12	Corporation.
13	MS. GUERON: Nicole Gueron,
14	Clarick Gueron Reisbaum. I
15	represent Donna Costa.
16	MS. DONEHOWER: Amy
17	Donehower, White & Case, LLP. I'm
18	here for the deponent, Josh Berman.
19	MR. BERMAN: This is Matthew
20	Berman, here for the plaintiff
21	Jennifer Fischman.
22	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Is that
23	everyone?
24	MS. COSTA: Donna Costa,
25	defendant.

Page 9 1 J. BERMAN 2 MR. OLIVA: Nicolas Oliva, 3 defendant, and as general counsel of Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings 4 5 America. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Will the 6 7 court reporter please swear in the 8 witness. 9 JOSHUA BERMAN, having been 10 called as a witness, having first 11 been duly sworn by a Notary Public 12 (Jeremy Richman) of the State of 13 New York, was examined and 14 testified as follows: 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you, 16 we may proceed. 17 EXAMINATION BY 18 MS. COLWIN: 19 Q. Good morning, Mr. Berman. 20 you know from my introductory remarks, 21 I'm the defense counsel here 22 representing Donna Costa, Nicolas Oliva 23 and Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings 24 America. You are present pursuant to a 25 subpoena that was issued by my office;

Page 10 1 J. BERMAN 2 is that correct? Α. 3 Yes. 4 Now, I understand that you Q. 5 received an attorney, so I'm not going 6 to go into the particulars about that 7 you are -- you understand the rules of 8 engagement in a deposition; is that 9 correct? 10 Α. Yes. 11 I want to flag some critical 0. 12 parts of the process. One is that you 13 are sworn to tell the truth, correct? 14 Α. Yes. 15 Q. And let us have an agreement. 16 I ask a question, you respond. agreed between the two of us that you 17 18 understood the question, that you are 19 testifying to the best of your 20 recollection as you sit here today, and 21 that you're testifying truthfully; is 22 that understood? 23 I understand. Α. 24 Q. Let's begin. Is there --25 have you taken anything that could

Page 11 1 J. BERMAN 2 affect your ability to recollect 3 events? 4 Α. No. 5 Have you taken anything that 6 can affect your judgment in any way? 7 Α. No. 8 0. Have you taken anything that 9 could affect your ability to tell the 10 truth during this proceeding? 11 Α. No. 12 Q. Have you taken -- withdrawn. 13 Were you required to take 14 medication today that you have not 15 taken? 16 Α. No. 17 Q. Okay. And as you know, 18 Mr. Berman, if you need to take a break 19 at any time, then please let us know, 20 and we can take that break, but all I 21 ask is that you not take a break during 22 the pendency of a question. Is that 23 understood? 24 It's understood. Α. 25 Q. All right. Mr. Berman, what

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2	is your full legal name?
3	A. Joshua A. Berman.
4	Q. Have you been known by any
5	other legal name?
6	A. No.
7	Q. You are currently employed by
8	White & Case, are you not?
9	A. I am.
10	Q. And how long have you been
11	employed by White & Case?
12	A. Nearly four years.
13	Q. And you're a partner,
L 4	correct?
15	A. Correct.
16	Q. Prior to White & Case, where
17	were you practicing?
18	A. Troutman Sanders, LLP.
19	Q. Do you have a specialization
2 0	in your current position as partner at
21	White & Case?
2 2	A. Litigation and disputes.
23	Q. And in your prior
2 4	partnership, what was your were you
2 5	a partner as well?

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2	A. I was.
3	Q. And at Troutman, what was
4	your specialization, if anything?
5	A. The same.
6	Q. How long did you work there?
7	A. Four years, give or take.
8	Q. And under what circumstances
9	did your employment with the firm end?
10	A. I got an offer to join White
11	& Case, which was very attractive to
12	me, and I accepted that offer and made
13	the move.
1 4	Q. Have you spoken to Jennifer
15	withdrawn.
16	You know Jennifer Fischman,
17	do you not?
18	A. I do.
19	Q. You consider her a friend,
2 0	correct?
21	A. Certainly friendly.
22	Q. Your children socialize with
2 3	hers?
2 4	A. They know one another, you
2 5	know, the high school is a big high

Page 14 1 J. BERMAN 2 school. So they're not in the same 3 friend group, but they know who one another is, for sure. 4 5 Have you spoken to 6 Ms. Fischman about this deposition? 7 Α. No. 8 0. Have you ever spoken to her 9 about the complaint that's at issue 10 here? 11 In very broad strokes, I'm 12 aware that she is maintaining a 13 lawsuit. Not specifically about the 14 complaint, no. 15 Did you ever have any 16 substantive discussion with Ms. Fischman about your deposition? 17 18 understand that you may not have spoken 19 to her specifically, but the substance 20 of your testimony today, have you ever 21 had a discussion with Ms. Fischman? 22 Α. Why don't you ask me that at 23 the end? I think the answer is no. 24 Q. Have you had -- what did you 25 do in preparation -- withdrawn.

Page 15 1 J. BERMAN 2 You spoke to your counsel, that's Amy Donehower, correct? 3 4 That's correct. Α. 5 When did you first meet Jennifer Fischman? 6 7 Oh, boy. Let me just do some 8 math in my head. If Zach is 15, I 9 would say five to seven years ago. 10 You mentioned your son, so 11 you met through your children; is that 12 correct? 13 Α. Our children attended Hebrew 14 school together, and there were monthly 15 parent sessions, and Jennifer and I sat 16 next to one another during some Sunday morning religious school services and 17 18 became friendly, you know, we would 19 just chat during those. 20 Have you socialized with 21 Ms. Fischman outside of what you just 22 described? 23 Α. A few times over this period 24 of five years, maybe three or four. 25 And certainly not in the past while.

Page 16 1 J. BERMAN 2 My wife Lisa and I had dinner with Jennifer and her husband, Lee. 3 4 Is that recent, when was the Q. 5 last time you socialized with Jennifer 6 and her husband -- Ms. Fischman and her 7 husband, rather? 8 I would guess more than a Α. 9 year ago. But I would have to look at 10 the -- I think I would have to ask Lisa 11 to look at her calendar. 12 You both -- do you live near Q. Ms. Fischman? We understand from your 13 14 testimony that your children had 15 attended Hebrew school together. 16 We both live in Scarsdale, 17 but we live in different neighborhoods, 18 if you will, of Scarsdale. So I think 19 it's probably a 15-minute drive, or 20 12-minute drive from my house to hers. 21 Ο. Have you gone to her home? 22 Α. Once for a barbecue years 23 ago. 24 Q. Now, did you ever have a 25 discussion with Ms. Fischman about her

Page 17 1 J. BERMAN 2 decision to return to New York after 3 being in California for a period of 4 time? 5 Α. I believe so. Did you know Ms. Fischman at 6 0. 7 the time that you had made the 8 decision, or was this discussion after she had returned to New York? 9 10 Α. After the fact. 11 0. When did you last speak to 12 Ms. Fischman? 13 Α. I'm trying to think. Quite a 14 while ago, before the summer. 15 Q. Now, there came a time when 16 Ms. Fischman hired you to work on 17 matters for Mitsubishi; is that right? 18 Α. Yes. 19 When was the first time that Q. 20 you worked with Ms. Fischman? 21 It would have been around, 22 just flipping through, yeah, it would 23 have been, I think in the fourth 24 quarter of 2016, probably late in the 25 third quarter.

Page 18 1 J. BERMAN 2 Q. Now, we just want to note for 3 the record that you were looking at documents. What document in particular 4 5 were you looking at to respond to this 6 question? 7 Yeah, literally tab two of 8 the exhibits you sent. I just wanted 9 to see -- I just wanted to make sure I 10 was getting the year correct. In the 11 months leading up to Labor Day, so the 12 summer, I just wanted to make sure it 13 was 2016, rather than 2017. 14 So that in the document that 15 you're looking at refers to the 16 Genomatica litigation, correct? 17 Α. Correct. 18 MR. BERMAN: Hey, Counsel, is 19 the witness looking at exhibits 20 that were provided? Because I have 21 not received any exhibits. 22 MS. COLWIN: Let's introduce 23 Exhibit 1. 24 MR. BERMAN: Are these 25 materials that have been provided

Page 19 1 J. BERMAN 2 to the deponent? 3 MS. COLWIN: Yes, they were 4 provided in hardcopy, in a sealed 5 envelope. 6 THE WITNESS: They were just 7 a courtesy copy for me, I believe. Sorry, I should let counsel say 8 9 that. 10 MR. BERMAN: Okay, I just 11 wanted to make sure that any 12 materials provided to the deponent 13 have been disclosed to us, 14 regardless of whether they're 15 ultimately introduced into evidence 16 or not. 17 MS. COLWIN: All the 18 documents that have been provided 19 to counsel -- to Mr. Berman are 20 going to be introduced. So we're 21 going to introduce Exhibit 1, which 22 is the document that Mr. Berman was 23 just referring to. 24 MR. BERMAN: Okay, I just 25 want to note for the record my

Page 20 1 J. BERMAN 2 request that all such documents 3 provided to the deponent be disclosed to us, regardless of 4 5 whether they end up being 6 introduced today, or if you should 7 decide within your discretion not 8 to introduce an exhibit, we would 9 still like to make sure we receive 10 a copy disclosed to us, thank you. Could I just 11 MS. COLWIN: 12 ask, right now my screen is the 13 exhibits. Could I just ask for the 14 identity of the individual who was 15 just speaking? 16 MR. BERMAN: That's Matthew 17 Berman for plaintiff. 18 MS. COLWIN: Thank you, Matt. 19 Α. I'm afraid I opened a can of 20 worms. Had I given it a more careful 21 think, I could have told you that it 22 was around summer of 2016 without 23 glancing at the document, just my 24 nature to be extra sure. 25 MS. COLWIN: While we're

Page 21 1 J. BERMAN 2 waiting for the exhibit to come up, 3 and Matt, just so that you know, Exhibit 1 is the complaint at 4 5 issue, Exhibit 2 is an email 6 communication, all of which, all of 7 the exhibits that we are referring to today have been previously 8 9 marked, and I will identify them as 10 marked and disclosed during the 11 course of discovery. So I'll make 12 sure that with each exhibit, that 13 the Bates stamp is identified as 14 well, so there are no surprises 15 here for anyone. 16 Perfect, I MR. BERMAN: 17 appreciate that. Thank you, Counsel. 18 19 While we are waiting for the 20 exhibits to upload, Mr. Berman, I just 21 want to go back. So is the Genomatica 22 litigation the first time that you had 23 learned of Mitsubishi? 24 Α. No, I mean, I know of 25 Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation just

Page 22 1 J. BERMAN 2 from experience in the business world, 3 as an important multinational Japan-based conglomerate, but it's the 4 5 first time that I ever did work for 6 them. 7 Was it the first time Q. Okay. 8 that your firm had ever done work for 9 Mitsubishi? 10 MS. DONEHOWER: I want to 11 jump in here -- Mr. Berman's answer 12 may implicate some privileged or 13 confidential information. I want 14 to make sure we are taking 15 direction from defendants about 16 whether or not he's permitted to 17 answer that question, to the extent 18 he knows. 19 MR. ANHANG: I'm happy to 20 clarify. For the record, this is 21 George Anhang, and on behalf of 22 Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation, I 23 instruct the witness, in answering 24 the present question and other 25 questions today, not to reveal any

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confidential client communications or work product with respect to his representation of Mitsubishi
Chemical Corporation, except that the witness today may, in his answer to the present question and other questions, refer to client communications regarding the settlement of the Genomatica action that is the subject of this action.

- A. Ms. Colwin, are you referring to Troutman Sanders or White & Case, or both?
- Q. We're just reflecting your time at Troutman Sanders at the present moment. We'll get back to whether or not you have a continuing relationship with Mitsubishi towards the end.
- A. I don't know if Troutman

 Sanders had ever done work for

 Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation prior

 to my working on the Genomatica matter.
- Q. In your current role as partner in White & Case, do you

Page 24 1 J. BERMAN 2 continue to have a working relationship 3 with Mitsubishi? 4 Α. I do. 5 0. And there are matters that 6 you are handling for them currently? 7 I have two matters for 8 Mitsubishi Chemical Composites America, 9 and as luck would have it, there are a 10 few kind of tail-end cleanup items 11 still pertaining to the Genomatica 12 lawsuit that come up once every six 13 months, and relate only to the clerical 14 act --15 MS. DONEHOWER: Mr. Berman, 16 let's not get into the details of 17 what it states without MCC's 18 direction. 19 Very, very limited clerical 20 issues that are ongoing from the 21 settlement of Genomatica. 22 Q. Okay. We are having the --23 we're waiting for the exhibits to 24 populate. While they are, I just want 25 to focus for a moment, before we get to

Page 25 1 J. BERMAN 2 the -- to Exhibit 2, which is what you had referred to in answering the 3 4 question as to when you were hired for 5 Genomatica. Let me just focus for a 6 moment on the complaint that 7 Ms. Fischman has brought against the 8 entities that are involved in today's 9 proceeding. 10 (Exhibit 1, marked for 11 identification, First amended 12 complaint jury trial demand.) 13 Q. When did you first learn 14 about this lawsuit that's at issue 15 today? 16 Α. When Jennifer told me about 17 if. 18 Do you remember when that Q. 19 was? 20 Like I said, I believe to the Α. 21 best of my recollection, I would say Q3 22 or early Q4 of 2016. 23 Q. Okay. We are now going to --24 I would ask you to take a look at the 25 second exhibit you have in front of

Page 26 1 J. BERMAN 2 vou. It's the first amendment 3 complaint. We're going to populate it 4 for everyone at the deposition at this 5 very moment. 6 Α. The first amended complaint 7 is the first exhibit I have, it's tab 8 1. 9 0. Had you ever seen this 10 complaint prior to today? 11 Well, yesterday, when I Α. No. 12 got the packet of documents, I 13 literally physically saw it, but I 14 didn't read it. 15 Q. Okay. Have you ever 16 discussed any particulars with 17 Ms. Fischman? I understand you didn't 18 read the complaint, but had you 19 discussed any of the particulars of the 20 complaint with Ms. Fischman at any 21 point prior to today? 22 I can't discuss that without 23 reading the complaint, because I don't 24 know what's in there. 25 Q. Did you discuss any of the

Page 27 1 J. BERMAN 2 allegations that you believed 3 existed -- exist in the amended complaint in your discussions with 4 5 Ms. Fischman? 6 Α. I'm really hesitant to 7 speculate as to what's in the complaint 8 without having read it. Go ahead, I'm 9 sorry. 10 I was going to ask a question 11 related to the same, but to see, were 12 there any conversations that you had 13 with Ms. Fischman pertaining to 14 allegations that may or may not be 15 existing in the complaint, but 16 allegations in general against 17 Mitsubishi Holdings America, Donna Costa and Nick Oliva? 18 19 Yes. Α. 20 And what were those 0. 21 discussions? 22 Α. Just at a very high level of 23 generality, that she was seeking 24 redress for being terminated by -- I 25 didn't know which defendants were on

Page 28 1 J. BERMAN 2 the caption, so I'll just refer to it 3 as Mitsubishi. She was seeking legal redress for being terminated by 4 5 Mitsubishi. I'm not sure, again, which 6 entity, but that was really it. 7 Q. Was it a single conversation, 8 or were there multiple conversations 9 that Ms. Fischman disclosed the general 10 nature of her allegations against 11 Mitsubishi, et al.? 12 Α. I'm just not sure. 13 Q. Was it more than once that 14 you had a conversation with her? 15 Α. Probably, but I don't want to 16 be misleading and say, like, we had a 17 conversation centered around that. Ιt 18 would have been -- first of all, I'm 19 not sure if it was more than one. 20 Second of all, it would have been, 21 like, at a restaurant with our 22 respective spouses, and not a main 23 topic of conversation, just in passing 24 like, Yeah, I'm pursuing legal action.

I said, You know, it's a sort of a

Page 29 1 J. BERMAN 2 bummer of a situation and I'm sorry to 3 hear about these matters. But we've never gotten into the nitty-gritty of 4 5 this. 6 Did you ever disclose to 7 Ms. Fischman that you had an ongoing 8 and continuing relationship with Mitsubishi? 9 I think she knew without me 10 11 having to disclose that. 12 And what is the basis for Q. 13 your belief that that's so? 14 One of the ongoing matters, 15 and I'll be careful with privilege 16 here, for a U.S.-based Mitsubishi 17 company, Jennifer discussed with me 18 briefly prior to the events, I guess, 19 in question, relative to her 20 termination, and then that matter 21 turned into a litigation matter. Okay. We've mentioned 22 Q. 23 Mr. Oliva's name a couple of times 24 during your testimony today. You know 25 Mr. Oliva, do you not?

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2	A. I do know him.
3	Q. And how did you first meet
4	Mr. Oliva?
5	A. Through the Genomatica matter
6	as well, and in particular, Mr. Oliva
7	and I attended an early neutral
8	mediation session in San Diego,
9	California together before a federal
10	magistrate judge, and we spent a day in
11	preparation, went to dinner together,
12	and then we attended the mediation.
13	Q. Was that the first time you
14	met Mr. Oliva, was through the
15	Genomatica litigation?
16	A. Yes. Let me just clarify, I
17	may have had a telephone conversation
18	before that. I believe that was the
19	first time I met Mr. Oliva in person.
20	Q. Has Ms. Fischman ever
21	discussed Mr. Oliva with you?
22	A. Yes.
23	Q. And what did she say about
24	him?
25	A. That he had been at Bristol

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Myers, that he was brought into -- she had been acting general counsel at MCHA, and that Nick was brought in to take over the full-time general counsel role. And that he was a good boss.

- Q. Okay. Has Mr. Oliva ever spoken to you about Ms. Fischman in terms of her separation from the company?
- A. Only at a very high level, and I believe saying that he wanted to be careful not to put me into an uncomfortable position. No. Sorry, I'm trying to remember, these are a number of years ago, and I know how frustrating that is sitting at your end of the table. To the best of my recollection, I never had a detailed discussion with Mr. Oliva about these matters. Just at a very high level, this happened -- oh, know what, sorry, I talked myself into remembering.

When Ms. Fischman was terminated, Mr. Oliva called me and

Page 32 1 J. BERMAN 2 said, I just want to let you know this is happening and, you know, so you're 3 not surprised, you know, you and I will 4 5 be working together on the, I guess conclusion of Genomatica. 6 7 Q. Okay. 8 Α. But that was it. Hе certainly didn't get into his various 9 10 reasons and anything of that nature, to 11 the best of my recollection. 12 In your interactions with Q. 13 Mitsubishi employees, has anyone ever 14 complained to you about Mr. Oliva? 15 Α. No. 16 In your discussions with Ο. 17 Ms. Fischman, did she ever say to you 18 that she felt she had been punished at 19 Mitsubishi at any point? 20 I don't believe so. You're 21 asking if she told me she was 22 specifically punished, I don't believe 23 so. 24 Q. Did Ms. Fischman ever discuss 25 with you about Mr. Oliva's abilities as

Page 33 1 J. BERMAN 2 an attorney? 3 I think she regarded him 4 highly, but I can't point you to a 5 special date or conversation. 6 0. Okav. I'm going to call your 7 attention to the Genomatica litigation. 8 Α. Okay. 9 Were you the primary outside 10 counsel at Troutman Sanders responsible 11 for Genomatica? 12 Α. Yes. 13 Q. Was there anyone else 14 involved in the litigation with you 15 from your firm? 16 My associate and current 17 colleague, Suzie Grace. 18 Who interfaced with Q. 19 Ms. Fischman? 20 I would say I did, and Suzie 21 may have had a few conversations or 22 emails with Ms. Fischman, I just don't 23 know. But I would have been, by far, 24 the primary point of contact. 25 In terms of communications Q.

Page 34 1 J. BERMAN 2 with opposing counsel, were you the 3 primary partner that was responsible 4 for that in the Genomatica litigation? 5 I was the only partner 6 responsible for that. 7 Who did you represent? Q. Mitsubishi Chemical 8 Α. 9 Corporation. 10 And who was the client 11 contact in the Genomatica litigation? 12 Α. Jen. 13 Q. When you say Jen, you mean 14 Jennifer Fischman? 15 Α. Sorry, Jennifer Fischman, but 16 we did speak with Mr. Minami Tomoji, 17 and Masaru Utsunomiya, who we referred 18 to as Utsunomiya-san. 19 Could you tell us the general Q. 20 nature of the Genomatica litigation? 21 At a high level, Yes. 22 Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation entered 23 into a venture, I don't know if it was 24 formally captioned a joint venture with 25 Genomatica, which was, in essence, a

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green energy type company, and Mitsubishi had paid a sum of money in advance to Genomatica. And the contract between the two parties, that is Genomatica on the one hand and Mitsubishi Chemical Corporation on the other hand, called for the return of a portion of Mitsubishi's cash payment if Genomatica failed to meet certain, I believe, business and scientific milestones by a date certain. Genomatica failed to meet those deadlines. The contract, to the best of my recollection, was clear and unambiguous on its face, and Mitsubishi business folks in Japan had tried in good faith for months, if not a year, to successfully obtain the return of Mitsubishi's money from Genomatica, but Genomatica was exceptionally evasive, and they weren't returning Mitsubishi's money, in violation of the party's contract.

Mr. Berman, who was your

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- contact at Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings
 America, was that just Ms. Fischman?
- A. Yes. Subsequently Mr. Oliva, but Ms. Fischman initially.
 - Q. And was it your understanding that Ms. Fischman was managing the litigation for MCC? We're going to use the acronym.
 - A. I think that's a fair assessment, yes.
 - Q. How would you describe it in your own words, what Ms. Fischman's role was in the Genomatica litigation?
 - A. She was in-house counsel, that's how I looked at it. I'm aware there are different entities, but contemporaneously, my understanding was, she was, you know, based in the U.S., I think still is, and was serving as in-house counsel from whom I took direction and talked about the case, and not unlike any of the other, you know, in-house litigators or in-house

general counsels with whom I work, I

Page 37 J. BERMAN wasn't focused on the fact that Ms. Fischman was technically an employee of X entity or Y entity. You mentioned moments ago under oath that Mr. Oliva also had a role in the Genomatica litigation, and at one point pursuant to your testimony, he was the primary contact for you at MCHA regarding Genomatica. What was Nick's involvement in the Genomatica litigation? And if it changes over time, and obviously, from your testimony, it will, describe that for us?

MS. DONEHOWER: I just want to jump in and say, Josh, be careful that we are only talking about client communications regarding the settlement, as per Mr. Anhang's direction.

A. I understand. So broadly, when Jennifer and I kind of kicked off the litigation, I was aware that Nick was the general counsel, and so that's

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the highest you can get within an organization's legal function. So I'm not sure whether I assumed or whether it was explicitly communicated, but I knew that Nick, you know, sort of sat on top of the pyramid in the litigation function, and was aware of the litigation and so forth. But Jennifer was responsible for the day-to-day in terms of the in-house counsel roles, and I assume that's because Nick had, you know, a ton on his plate, and had various deputies who were either responsible for litigation or M&A or tax matters or employment, and so I dealt with Jennifer knowing that Nick was the general counsel.

Subsequently, I believe it was in or around November of 2017 -- no, it was, I'm sorry, it would have been earlier than that. At any rate, shortly after I joined White & Case, which was in February of 2017, when these events transpired as between

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Page 39 1 J. BERMAN 2 Ms. Fischman and the company, Nick 3 really took over the day-to-day in place of Ms. Fischman. And so he 4 5 functioned as both the general counsel, 6 and I know that he had other 7 responsibilities, but he sort of, if 8 you will, rolled his sleeves up and got 9 involved with this particular case and 10 our efforts to get a good result. 11 So Mr. Berman, just to orient 0. 12 your memory, because I would like to 13 have a specific date of the November 14 time frame you just testified about, the offer made to Genomatica was on 15 16 January 6, 2017. 17 Now, going back to your 18 testimony, you have identified November 19 as a time in which Mr. Oliva had become 20 more involved in the Genomatica 21 litigation. If I'm phrasing your 22 testimony incorrectly, please say so 23 and just --24 No, you're -- sorry, go

You're phrasing it correctly.

ahead.

Page 40 1 J. BERMAN 2 I must have my dates wrong, because 3 Nick didn't become involved day-to-day until the early neutral mediation, or 4 5 it could have been before that. But he 6 didn't become day-to-day until 7 Ms. Fischman was let go, and I don't 8 know when that was. But if we go through these documents, I'm sure it 9 will refresh my recollection. 10 11 We will bookmark that and 0. 12 come back to it. 13 Α. Okay. 14 Did you ever communicate 0. directly with MCC? 15 16 I did, but only with 17 Ms. Fischman on the phone. 18 Q. Did you ever communicate 19 directly with MCHC? 20 I don't know, because I don't 21 know who wore what hats, and I have 22 only a dim understanding of what MCHC 23 is, to begin with. 24 Did you ever have a Q. 25 conversation with any Mitsubishi -- I'm

Page 41 1 J. BERMAN 2 just focusing your attention on Genomatica. Did you ever have any 3 discussion with anyone outside of 4 5 Ms. Fischman at Genomatica during the 6 pendency of the Genomatica litigation 7 other than Ms. Fischman, and you 8 already identified Mr. Oliva. Other 9 than those two, were there any other 10 conversations you had with individuals 11 pertaining to Genomatica? 12 Α. At MCA or MCC? 13 Q. We can start with MCC. 14 Well, I think I said earlier Α. 15 that I spoke, together with 16 Ms. Fischman, on a number of occasions, 17 with Tomoji and Utsunomiya-san. 18 don't believe I ever spoke to 19 Takimoto-san or Sakiquchi-san, but I 20 was aware they were stakeholders, if 21 you will, in the outcome. 22 subsequently, I spoke to Nick about 23 this, but I think that's it. 24 Q. Was there ever a time that 25 you had a conversation during the

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pendency of the Genomatica litigation where you had conversations with anyone at MCC without the presence of Jennifer Fischman?

- A. To the best of my recollection, no.
- Q. Was there ever a time that you had a conversation with individuals from MCC pertaining to the Genomatica litigation outside the presence of Mr. Oliva?
- A. Yes, I mean, the conversations that I had with Jennifer and the folks back in Japan did not include Mr. Oliva. But subsequent to Nick taking the reins, if you will, we spoke then, either he spoke to MCC or we together spoke to MCC.
- Q. I just want to make sure the record is clear. Was there ever an occasion where you spoke to MCC, it went -- following separation, the Fischman separation from MCHA, where then Mr. Oliva was not present?

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- A. Not to the best of my recollection, no.
- Q. Did Mr. Oliva ever provide you with any direction during the pendency of the Genomatica litigation?
- Sure, I mean, Nick is a really sharp lawyer, and so we worked together to, you know, do all that we could to obtain a successful outcome for MCC. So for example, at the early neutral mediation, there was shuttle diplomacy, if I call. The magistrate split up the sides as we were negotiating, and Nick has a very steady demeanor, and we would have conversations about whether to respond to X or Y offer, and I have a general recollection, without being able to quote specific sentences, that Nick's guidance was, let's essentially try to hold firm. And then it was Nick's call, I guess together with the folks in Japan, when we ultimately reached -agreed to a deal. But maybe that's

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2	more detail than you want.
3	Did Nick ever provide me
4	guidance, yes.
5	Q. What instructions did you
6	receive from Ms. Fischman during the
7	MR. BERMAN: Ms. Colwin, I'm
8	informed that Ms. Fischman is
9	trying to participate in the call
10	unsuccessfully. Could we maybe
11	pause momentarily and see if we can
12	get Veritext to help her join in?
13	A. May I, without going off the
L 4	record, go fill my coffee cup?
15	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: I need to
16	take us off the record, stand by.
17	Off the record at 11:01 a.m.
18	(Recess.)
19	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now
2 0	on the record. The time is
21	11:08 a.m.
2 2	Q. Mr. Berman, you received
2 3	instructions from Ms. Fischman
2 4	pertaining to the Genomatica
2 5	litigation, correct?

Page 45 1 J. BERMAN 2 Α. Yes. 3 What were those instructions, 0. to the best of your recollection, and 4 5 how you were to handle that litigation? 6 MS. DONEHOWER: I would like 7 to take direction from Mr. Anhang, 8 thank you. 9 MR. ANHANG: Thanks, Amy. 10 I'm just going to repeat what I 11 said before. I'm not going to do 12 that throughout the deposition 13 today, but let me just once again 14 say on behalf of Mitsubishi 15 Chemical Corporation, that I 16 instruct the witness, in answering 17 the present question and all other 18 questions today, not to reveal 19 confidential client communications 20 or work product with respect to his 21 representation of Mitsubishi 22 Chemical Corporation, except that 23 the witness may, in answering the 24 present question and other 25 questions today, refer to client

Page 46 1 J. BERMAN 2 communications regarding the 3 settlement of the Genomatica action that is the subject of the present 4 5 litigation. 6 So Ms. Colwin, this is 7 difficult to answer, because obviously 8 the settlement conversations didn't 9 commence instantly. The first 10 conversations I had with Ms. Fischman 11 relative to the lawsuit were connected 12 to the contract and the substance of 13 the dispute and the objectives in 14 potentially initiating litigation. 15 I think I've been -- if I understand 16 the privilege issues, even at a 17 rudimentary level, I think I've been 18 instructed not to answer that. 19 MS. DONEHOWER: You can 20 answer the directions that 21 Ms. Fischman gave you with respect 22 to the settlement of the Genomatica 23 matter, to the extent that's the 24 question. 25 Q. I'm going to rephrase my

Page 47 1 J. BERMAN 2 question in consideration of what 3 co-counsel has raised. 4 When talking about the 5 general tone and direction of the 6 litigation that you were involved in, 7 protecting the interests of MCC, were 8 you given instructions by Ms. Fischman? 9 I'm not talking about the specifics, 10 I'm not asking for --11 Α. Yes. 12 Q. What were those instructions? 13 Α. Well, one thing is that 14 Ms. Fischman was careful to note that 15 there's a certain business culture in 16 Japan of unfailing courtesy, which is 17 something I was familiar with 18 independently. And there was very 19 important -- Tony Stiegler, my 20 adversary --21 MS. DONEHOWER: Mr. Berman, 22 is this limited to the settlement 23 communications? 24 THE WITNESS: I think so, I 25 believe so. It was important, even

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in negotiating a potential deal, and even if Mr. Stiegler can be quite provocative in the tone of his emails, not to respond in kind, but rather to maintain courtesy and equanimity in my communications.

That was one instruction. And then it's difficult for me to answer beyond that, unless you ask me more specific questions. That was at a high level.

- Q. I will.
- A. Okay.
- Q. And did you receive instructions from Mr. Oliva about the manner in which to conduct yourself during the course of the Genomatica litigation with respect to tone and strategy?
- A. Limiting my answer to settlement, there are two high-level instructions that I recall receiving from Mr. Oliva. One was to the same effect, making sure that we comported

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ourselves in a way that was consistent with Mitsubishi standards at all times, even if opposing counsel was, as I said, provocative, and had more of an American streetfighter kind of demeanor. And then Mr. Oliva and I had conversations about sort of staying the course and believing in the rightness of our position, and so in the context of settlement, holding firm until Genomatica and counsel came, brought their offer up to a level that was acceptable to MCC and to Mr. Oliva based on their objectives.

- Q. Were you aware of any conversations that Ms. Fischman had with MCC without your attendance during the pendency of the Genomatica litigation?
- A. Am I aware that they occurred, or am I aware of what was said?
- Q. Both. Were you -- well, one bleeds into the other. Were you aware

Page 50 1 J. BERMAN 2 that there were communications between 3 Ms. Fischman and MCC where you were not in attendance? 4 5 I can't say with certainty, 6 but I certainly believe that 7 Ms. Fischman was in contact with the individuals at MCC who had a stake in 8 9 the matter, and I believe so. 10 believe I was aware of that. I just 11 want to not testify with certainty to 12 something that I'm not a hundred 13 percent certain about. 14 Did you, in conversations 0. 15 with Ms. Fischman, understand that she 16 was having conversations with MCC 17 without your attendance, and relaying 18 information to you thereafter? 19 MS. DONEHOWER: Limited, per 20 Mr. Anhang, to settlement 21 discussions. 22 Α. I'm just not sure of the 23 answer relative to settlement 24 discussions. Being very careful to 25 limit my answer to that topic. Again,

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I believe so, but I can't testify with absolute certainty.

Q. What was your understanding as to the general strategy that you were to take with respect to Genomatica?

MS. DONEHOWER: Limiting your answer to settlement discussions.

I don't know that it was --Α. one, we wanted to get as high a number -- high amount of cash back as possible. Two, we wanted to make sure that settlement negotiations didn't tank as a consequence of any perceived discourtesy on our part from the other So obviously, we didn't have a magic wand and we couldn't force Genomatica to pay or make a settlement of X dollars, but there was, we wanted to be very careful that if settlement negotiations did not succeed, that wouldn't be a consequence of sort of our slighting Genomatica or its counsel. And they were, you know,

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obviously the initial offers made by

Genomatica were what we would all refer

to in vernacular as low-ball, and so

they were sort of nonstarters, and

there came a point in time in which

Genomatica, through its counsel, began

to make more serious offers. And the

objective was to get the best deal we

could while minimizing, you know, the

legal spend associated with litigation.

- Q. Is that consistent with your understanding as to what the client MCC's goal was in the Genomatica litigation?
- A. I believe that the client hoped that the pressure exerted by litigation activity would drive -- would be a settlement driver. And so the hope was to resolve the matter amicably, but the understanding, again, I believe -- this is all to the best of my recollection, it's been some years -- was that the hope was to avoid protractive litigation that would

Page 53 1 J. BERMAN 2 become expensive. 3 Ο. Were you aware at some point 4 during the course of the Genomatica 5 litigation that Minami Tomoji had 6 raised concerns about the handling of 7 the case, specifically at or around 8 September of 2019? 9 MS. DONEHOWER: Mr. Anhang, 10 can you please give us direction on 11 whether Mr. Berman can answer that 12 question? MR. ANHANG: He can. 13 14 Not until I got your packet Α. 15 of documents. 16 MR. BERMAN: Please note my 17 objection to the form of the 18 question, thank you. 19 Q. Let me -- we're going to 20 share exhibit -- we're just uploading 21 it to share with the rest of the group, 22 just be a moment. 23 (Exhibit 2, marked for 24 identification, Bates stamped Def 25 001419.)

Page 54 1 J. BERMAN 2 Q. Mr. Berman, I ask you, I know 3 you have hardcopies. If you could just 4 take a moment and review the exhibit, 5 which is Exhibit 2 for identification, I want to note for the record that 6 7 Exhibit 2 is Bates stamped Def 1419 to Def 1421. 8 9 Okay, and just to confirm, 10 what I see on the screen is what I have 11 before me in hardcopy. Do you want me 12 to review the entirety of the email 13 string? 14 Yes, just Exhibit 2, which 15 would be 1419 to 1421. 16 Okay, I understand, give me a 17 second, please. 18 Q. Sure. 19 Sorry, my phone beeped. Α. 20 shutting it off. 21 Mr. Berman, let us know when 22 you've completed your review. 23 It's a little hard, because Α. 24 there's portions of sentences redacted, 25 so I'm trying to -- okay, I read it

Page 55 1 J. BERMAN 2 now. 3 Thank you, Mr. Berman. Were Q. you aware that Takimoto-san had issues 4 5 with the way the Genomatica issue was 6 being handled by you and Ms. Fischman? 7 Not at the time. 8 MR. BERMAN: Note my objection to the form of the 9 10 question. 11 Did you -- at what point in 0. 12 time did you become aware that there 13 were concerns in the matter in which 14 the Genomatica litigation was being 15 handled? 16 Α. I guess when I received this 17 document. 18 Is it your testimony that at Q. 19 no point during the Genomatica 20 litigation you were made aware that 21 there were concerns from individuals at 22 MCC on how the litigation was being 23 handled? 24 Α. I knew that the folks at MCC 25 hoped for a quick settlement, and that

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offer from Genomatica, and that didn't materialize. I think we were all surprised that a litigant in Genomatica's position fought somewhat desperately, but ultimately fecklessly and ineffectively, when in the face of a contract that was so clear in misconduct and wrongdoing, I should say, on Genomatica's part of the evidence, I didn't have specific knowledge that Takimoto-san was skeptical of me or Jennifer personally, and our strategy or legal work.

- Q. I'm going to show you exhibit

 -- I'm going to populate and share with

 the rest of the group Exhibit 3, just

 take a moment, Mr. Berman. So while we

 wait and do that for the rest of the

 group, I ask that you take a look at

 it, since you have a hardcopy.
 - A. Okay.
- Q. I just want to note for the record that Exhibit 3 is Bates stamped Def 876 to Def 877.

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2	(Exhibit 3, marked for
3	identification, Bates stamped Def
4	000876.)
5	Q. Mr. Berman, let us know when
6	you've completed your review of
7	Exhibit 3.
8	A. I've completed it.
9	Q. Were you aware that Minami
10	Tomoji had expressed discomfort
11	regarding the handling of the
12	Genomatica litigation prior to your
13	review of this Exhibit 3?
14	MS. DONEHOWER: Mr. Anhang,
15	may we answer that question?
16	MR. ANHANG: Yes, as long as
17	the answer
18	MR. BERMAN: I'm going to
19	object to the form of the question
20	as well.
21	MR. ANHANG: I'm sorry, I
22	didn't mean to speak over you,
23	Matthew.
2 4	MR. BERMAN: Vice-versa, I
25	apologize.

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MR. ANHANG: No problem at all. I don't believe there's a problem with the witness answering the question, insofar as the question doesn't require the witness to reveal the substance of any request for legal advice or the substance of the provision of any legal advice by the people involved here. So to that extent, I don't see a problem with the witness answering the question.

- A. To the best of my recollection, Ms. Colwin, I wasn't aware of that until reading the document just now. And I'm not sure how to understand -- I'm not sure how I would characterize Tomoji's email. I leave that to others.
- Q. I just want to make sure the record is clear, that prior to your review of these emails, you were not made aware of the concerns that Tomoji had raised about the handling of the

Page 59 1 J. BERMAN 2 Genomatica litigation, correct? 3 MR. BERMAN: Object to form. Not specifically, no. 4 Α. Again, 5 I knew that the client, MCC, and all of 6 the stakeholders really wanted this 7 thing to be wrapped up, and really 8 wanted it to be wrapped up 9 successfully. And sometimes that takes 10 time in U.S. court, and this document 11 has also refreshed my recollection 12 that, I had forgotten it, but either 13 the district judge or the original 14 magistrate had retired, which, and we 15 had -- we were moving along at a good 16 clip, and were scheduled to go for a 17 mediation, and then one of the judges 18 retired. And, you know, I remember 19 feeling like this is quite frustrating, 20 given that the client would like to see 21 a response in a, you know, as short a 22 time frame, a resolution in as short a 23 time frame as possible. 24 But I wasn't aware of 25 anything else. I just, I think I

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shared in the frustration of the -- of my client.

Q. So Mr. Berman, if I am to interpret your testimony correctly, and please state so if I'm not, is it your testimony that there was a disconnect between the expectations MCC had with respect to the Genomatica litigation and the proffers of the litigation, and what you and Ms. Fischman were able to deliver?

MR. BERMAN: Object to form.

I wouldn't go that far, Α. Ms. Colwin. I think we hit some choppy waters, and we were all surprised that a litigant under so explicit a contractual obligation was taking frivolous and unsupportable positions rather than coming to the settlement table immediately and in good faith, more immediately, which they ultimately did. And I was aware that this wasn't great. That my client, and I'm now thinking of the folks in Japan had

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wanted, on an ongoing basis, for this matter to be resolved as quickly as possible. And contemporaneously, my thinking was it's difficult to imagine, from thousands of miles away, that sometimes the litigation process in the United States courts, even in federal courts, can feel a bit glacial, and then we were hit with this retirement.

And so I definitely understood, and this is often the case with businesspersons, but I definitely understood that this wasn't great news for the client. I wouldn't think of it as a disconnect, though.

Q. But Mr. Berman, you're a seasoned litigator, and you have -- obviously a very sophisticated one.

You have a lot of business relationships, and you have represented clients in matters for a number of years. If there is any discomfort to characterize what was happening at Genomatica as hitting choppy waters,

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you agree, do you not, that the client at issue here, MCC, had full discretion to change the manner in which the litigation was being handled, do you not?

A. Sure, although I would say that most of my clients, or longtime clients, are many, and we would discuss this, rather than me being ordered to kind of change tack. At any rate, the strategy was correct. It just took more time to play out than we all hoped. We had to sort of tenderize Genomatica a little bit with litigation activity, and ultimately we had this delay that was occasioned by nobody, other than the happenstance of a judge retiring. And this is, I guess, the November time frame that must have leapt to my mind earlier.

Q. I was about to start in that time frame. Does this part of your testimony refresh your recollection as to the time frame in which Mr. Oliva,

Page 63 1 J. BERMAN 2 as you had testified earlier, became 3 move involved in the Genomatica litigation? 4 5 I think so. Unless -- it 6 must be, because this is around the 7 time of the ENE. And then that is when 8 Nick -- it would have been, I quess, in 9 the lead-up to this time frame, or 10 around this time frame that Nick got 11 involved, yes, on a day-to-day basis. 12 Okay. Let me just share with Q. 13 the rest, and I would ask you, 14 Mr. Berman, to take a look at Exhibit 15 4. The document is loading on our end, 16 just a moment. But Mr. Berman, if you could take a look at Exhibit 5 -- four, 17 18 rather, it's Bates stamped Def 1422 and 19 Def 1423. 20 Α. I just read it. 21 Ο. Okay. I want to wait for the 22 rest of the group to have it, so just 23 wait one second. 24 (Exhibit 4, marked for 25 identification, Bates stamped Def

Page 64 1 J. BERMAN 1422 and Def 1423.) 2 3 Mr. Berman, when was the 0. 4 first time you've seen this document, 5 which is Exhibit 4? 6 Α. When your envelope arrived at 7 my home. 8 Q. Okay. Had you ever discussed this information -- well, I should say 9 10 what's set forth in Exhibit 4, with 11 Mr. Oliva or Ms. Fischman? 12 Α. To the best of my 13 recollection, no. I was just notified 14 that Nick would be participating in the 15 early neutral mediation, and that's 16 what happened. 17 And that brings us to, that Q. would have been the November 2016 18 19 settlement conference, correct? 20 I guess that's right. Α. 21 And who was it that informed 0. 22 you that Mr. Oliva would have a more 23 significant role during that process? 24 It wasn't that he would have Α. 25 a more significant role, it was that he

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would be the client designee with settlement authority who would be accompanying me to California. I believe it may have been Ms. Fischman in the first instance who said MCC has designated Mr. Oliva to go with you to the ENE, to the mediation or settlement conference, as you call it.

You recall, Ms. Colwin, with most of these court-ordered mediation programs, each party is required to bring a client representative to the settlement party, and Nick Oliva was that person.

- Q. Okay. So you derived the understanding that Mr. Oliva would be the designee for the November 26th settlement conference through your conversation with Ms. Fischman, correct?
- A. And of course, subsequently with Mr. Oliva.
- Q. But your initial
 understanding was derived from your

Page 66 1 J. BERMAN 2 conversation with Ms. Fischman, 3 correct? 4 Α. Correct. 5 Did you have more than one 6 conversation with Ms. Fischman about 7 Mr. Oliva's role in the November 2016 8 mediation? 9 I just don't remember. 10 Is there anything that exists Q. 11 that would refresh your recollection as 12 you sit here today? 13 Like, I don't know how to 14 answer that question. You would have 15 to show it to me and ask me if it 16 reflects -- I don't know if there's 17 anything in the world that might 18 refresh my recollection. I guess if I 19 saw time records or emails, sure. 20 could help. I just don't know if there 21 was one conversation or more than one. 22 Q. Put up the next email, and I 23 would ask, Mr. Berman, if you could 24 take a look at Exhibit 5, and I'm just 25 going to state for the record.

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2	A. Okay, let me just read it,
3	okay?
4	Q. Sure, and while we're doing
5	that, I just want to note for the
6	record that Exhibit 5 is Def 872 and
7	873. There are two parts of this
8	exhibit, Mr. Berman. I would also ask
9	you to take a look at Exhibit 6. And
10	so both Exhibit 5 will encompass now
11	we're populating Exhibit 6.
12	(Exhibit 5, marked for
13	identification, Bates stamped Def
14	872 and 873.)
15	A. Exhibit 6 is long. Do you
16	want me to read the whole thing?
17	Q. If you could, Mr. Berman.
18	A. Okay, just a second.
19	Q. I'd just like to note for the
20	record that Exhibit 6 is Bates stamped
21	Def 1842 to Def 1847.
22	(Exhibit 6, marked for
23	identification, Bates stamped Def
2 4	1842 to Def 1847.)
25	A. Okay, I believe I read them

Page 68 1 J. BERMAN 2 both. 3 Mr. Berman, I'm going to ask Q. you to take a look at Exhibit 5, and 4 5 the Bates stamp number 873 would be the 6 second page of Exhibit 5. 7 I see it. 8 And do you see the copy of Q. 9 the email on the bottom half of that 10 page? 11 I do. Α. 12 That is your email at your Q. 13 former firm, is it not --14 Α. Yeah --15 Joshua.Berman -- .com, Q. 16 correct? 17 -- yeah, I mean, it appears Α. 18 that my testimony earlier was not 19 correct. I was copied on this email 20 from Minami-san, and I -- that must 21 have been how I learned that Mr. Oliva 22 was going to be the designee for the 23 early neutral evaluation. So I just 24 correct myself and remind everybody 25 that it's been some time, and I'm doing

Page 69 1 J. BERMAN 2 my best. 3 Sure, no, absolutely, and we Ο. appreciate it, Mr. Berman, thank you. 4 November 16, 2016, you attended the 5 mediation with Mr. Oliva; is that 6 7 right? 8 Α. Correct. 9 Did you receive any 10 instructions from Mr. Oliva at the 11 time, at that very moment in time, 12 about the tone and approach the two of 13 you were to take during the mediation 14 on November 16, 2016? 15 That's a hard question, only 16 in the sense that Nick and I were 17 collaborating with, obviously, Nick 18 being the client, and giving the 19 quidance, but Nick and I were 20 collaborating on a sort of 21 moment-to-moment basis. So I received 22 lots of guidance, and I hoped that Nick 23 believed he received guidance or 24 appropriate and thoughtful reactions in 25 return.

Page 70 1 J. BERMAN 2 So like, you have to imagine, 3 we were in the magistrate chambers. Both sides were sitting there. 4 5 memory serves, I made a presentation 6 first. Mr. Stiegler, my opposing 7 counsel, then made a presentation. 8 then the judge split us up and was kind 9 of going back and forth between rooms 10 and conducting negotiations. And so 11 Nick and I were very much working, you 12 know, arm in arm to achieve a 13 settlement, if that was possible. So 14 at every moment we were in close 15 communication. 16 Did you receive instructions 17 from Mr. Oliva about the tone and the 18 presentation at the mediation at 19 November '16? 20 I did. Α. 21 What were those instructions? Ο. 22 Α. Again, to take special 23 caution not to respond to anything put 24 forth or stated by Mr. Stiegler that

might be provocative, and to maintain a

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courtesy disposition and equanimity at all times. You know, in keeping with the cultural norms and values of our Japanese client.

- Q. What was the outcome of the settlement conference?
- reached a settlement there, or if it was somewhat thereafter, but we achieved a successful settlement of the matter. I don't remember the exact number, but my broadly -- did we have to go to a second one? I remember Tomoji Utsunomiya-san being in the U.S. Look, I don't know when the outcome came about exactly. I'm sure the documents will refresh my recollection, but we ultimately were able to achieve a successful outcome.
 - Q. So let me just make sure that the record is clear. Is it your best recollection that that successful outcome did not come on that day of November 16, 2016?

Page 72 1 J. BERMAN 2 Α. I don't know why I have that 3 idea in my head, but it could just be, it could be incorrect -- I just, I'm 4 5 frustrated with my own lack of 6 recollection, but I'm just not sure. 7 Mr. Berman, I think the next Q. 8 exhibit will probably help you, so I 9 ask you to take a look at Exhibit 7 10 while we populate it for the rest of 11 the group. And Exhibit 7 is Bates 12 stamped Def 1907 to 1908. 13 (Exhibit 7, marked for 14 identification, Bates stamped Def 15 1907 to 1908.) 16 Okay, I guess we didn't 17 resolve it on the day of the ENE. 18 I thought this might be Q. 19 fruitful for your recollection. 20 Α. Yep. Yeah, you can see when 21 I forwarded this to Jen for review. 22 can't see what I wrote, because it was 23 blocked out, but Stiegler was a very 24 aggressive and sometimes discourteous

opponent, and I wanted to be sure that

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my responses sort of held to the guidance, so you can see that I asked Jennifer, who then, I guess, forwarded it to Nick, and I wanted to make sure that the language I was using with Stiegler was not too strong.

- Q. Prior to today, had you seen -- so let me just make sure that the record is clear, I'm going to take a look, 1908, Mr. Stiegler is Genomatica's counsel, and that is redacted, preserving the attorney/client privilege, and the Def 1908 was Mr. Oliva's response to Ms. Fischman pertaining to that particular message you proposed to send to Stiegler. Had you seen Mr. Oliva's response prior to today?
- A. I don't see Mr. Oliva's response in the exhibit, I only see Ms. Fischman's email to Jen saying, I don't want to send this out without your green light, if you will.
 - Q. Did you ever receive any

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2	feedback from Ms. Fischman about
3	Mr. Oliva's response?
4	A. You're speaking specifically
5	with respect to that email?
6	Q. Yes.
7	A. I don't recall. And I just
8	want to ask you, am I missing something
9	on the page here?
10	Q. No.
11	A. Okay, I'm not seeing Nick's
12	answer to Jennifer.
13	Q. We're going to populate the
1 4	screen again.
15	A. Should I be reading
16	Exhibit 8, or no?
17	Q. No, take a look yes, we're
18	just calling it up. So it would be
19	Exhibit 9, and it is Def 2301 and 2302.
2 0	A. I see it, I read it.
21	Q. And do you see the oh, you
22	read it, okay.
2 3	(Exhibit 8, marked for
2 4	identification, Bates stamped Def
2 5	2301 and 2302.)

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Q. Had you discussed with

Ms. Fischman any of the feedback that

she had received from Mr. Oliva about

the manner in which the litigation

should -- Genomatica should be handled?

And specifically Def 2301, where

Mr. Oliva states, We should stay the

course with integrity?

A. I don't recall about the attribution, or if Ms. Fischman attributed this guidance to Nick specifically, but she did communicate that we would have to adapt our litigation style to the courtesy norms, if will you, of the client, in spite of the fact that opposing counsel is writing in a way that is more consistent with a bit antagonistic, U.S. litigation counsel. But I don't know that she said this is guidance specifically from Nick.

Q. Let's take a look at, I'm going to ask you to take a look at a series of emails. Let's begin with

Page 76 1 J. BERMAN 2 Exhibit 9 in your package that is Bates 3 stamped Def 882 and Def 883. 4 Okay, just a second. Α. 5 I want to note for the 6 record, it is redacted heavily to 7 ensure that attorney/client privilege 8 is maintained. (Exhibit 9, marked for 9 10 identification, Bates stamped Def 11 882 and Def 883.) 12 Α. I see it. 13 Q. All right. I'm going to ask 14 you to identify what this email is, but 15 just hold on one moment, because we are 16 about to populate it for the group. 17 Mr. Berman, I'm showing you what's Exhibit 9 for identification. What is 18 19 it? 20 Α. So if you scroll down on your 21 screen, I found the answer on text. 22 Q. Sure. 23 Even further, all the way tow 24 So this, I somewhat recall the bottom. 25 At or around this time period,

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Stiegler had started to make settlement offers that were not just completely silly. Like, they had started at \$135,000, and I think the contract amount that was owed was 2.5 million. So what I was forwarding here to Ms. Fischman, oh, and Mr. Oliva, because I guess this would have been after the ENE.

Q. Yes.

A. So I had spoken to both of them. My recommendation for how we might respond to Stiegler's or Genomatica's settlement offer, and some editorial, as you can see, about what I thought our litigation activity was accomplishing in terms of sort of shaking up Genomatica and its counsel.

Yeah, right, and I recall that I -- I recall thinking, why don't we offer -- maybe we just give them a little bit of a time runway to pay the 2.5 million that was owed, and show kind of good faith in that way, or

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compromise a bit in that way, or ask for a smaller amount of money in settlement of the matter full and final, but payable immediately. Those were my thoughts on how we might respond to Tony Stiegler.

Q. Above, Mr. Berman, I'm going to ask you to take a look at the top half of 883. Ms. Fischman makes a reference to having spoken to you about this communication, and with respect specifically to the offering that was being proposed.

Do you recall having a conversation with her at this time period?

A. I mean, we spoke, as lawyers and counsel do, with some regularity.

I can't say that I remember this specific conversation that's referenced in the email dated December 29, 2016.

Yeah, it would have been obviously, during that week between Christmas and New Year's. I don't remember the

Page 79 1 J. BERMAN 2 specific conversation. I just don't 3 remember it. 4 Okay. Take a look at 882, Q. 5 Mr. Oliva's response to Ms. Fischman, 6 and this is her proposal to Mr. Oliva, 7 the one that's reflected in the top half of 883. 8 9 Α. I see it. She's saying, I 10 want to counter with 2.5 up front, and 11 a royalty license, and Nick said, Isn't 12 that just asking for a win -- I see the 13 colloquy. 14 Was that discussed with you? Ο. 15 I don't recall. Α. 16 Did you have a conversation 0. with Mr. Oliva pertaining to his 17 18 conclusion as to what Ms. Fischman had 19 proposed, which is reflected in the top 20 half of 883? 21 For some reason, I think Nick 22 and I went back out to San Diego. I 23 don't know why I can't shake that, but 24 I know that -- I don't recall a specific conversation about this email 25

Page 80 1 J. BERMAN 2 chain. Nick and I certainly discussed 3 settlement subsequent to this date, and 4 we -- our offer was not 2.5 plus 5 royalties. It was more of a compromise 6 position. 7 Q. Okay. I ask you to take a 8 look at Exhibit 10, which is going to 9 be populated to the rest of the group, 10 but if you could take a look at the 11 hardcopy you have, and just let us know 12 when you have reviewed it, and I would 13 like the record to reflect that 14 Exhibit 10 is Def 884 to Def 886. 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Excuse me, 16 Counselor. 17 MS. COLWIN: Yes? 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Sorry to 19 interrupt, but I need to change 20 this media unit. 21 MS. COLWIN: Let's go off the record, and we can do it. 22 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: It will 24 take me one minute. Stand by. 25 Can I ask for THE WITNESS:

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2	five minutes?
3	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Let me
4	take us off the record.
5	MS. COLWIN: Go ahead,
6	Mr. Berman.
7	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is
8	media unit one, we are now off the
9	record at 11:58 a.m.
10	(Recess.)
11	(Ms. Gueron has left the
12	deposition.)
13	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is
14	the beginning of media unit number
15	two. We are now on the record at
16	12:09 p.m., back from break.
17	Q. Great. Mr. Berman, you've
18	had an opportunity to take a look at
19	Exhibit 10, have you not?
20	A. Yes.
21	Q. That was Bates stamped 884 to
22	886, correct?
23	(Exhibit 10, marked for
24	identification, Bates stamped Def
25	884 to 886.)

Page 82 1 J. BERMAN 2 Α. Correct, correct. 3 So let's start with the back Ο. and go forward. It will be the last 4 5 page right there. 6 Yes, this is the same email 7 we looked at in the previous exhibit, 8 and you can see there's a forward. 9 Ο. Right. When did you become aware of these communications? 10 11 Well, I obviously was aware 12 of the communication when I wrote it. 13 The subsequent email from Tomoji to 14 Jennifer copying Utsunomiya-san, 15 Takimoto-san and numerous others, I 16 don't know if I was aware of that 17 specific email until this process. Okay. 18 Q. Let's take a look at 19 the very first -- so I'm looking at 20 886. 21 Α. Okay, just a moment, please. 22 I'm there. 23 All right. This is the 0. 24 counter that you were communicating 25 with in the prior exhibit, which is

Page 83 1 J. BERMAN 2 Exhibit 9, the 2.5. 3 Just to be clear, I was Α. suggesting options for how we might 4 5 counter. I wasn't --6 0. Sure. 7 Α. Yeah. 8 Q. So these -- so Ms. Fischman 9 is communicating with Minami Tomoji 10 about the settlement -- the settlement 11 options, correct? 12 Α. It appears that way from the 13 document. 14 And that communication is 0. 15 dated 12/30/2016, correct? 16 Oh, I see. I'm sorry. This 17 is Jennifer forwarding my email to 18 Minami-san. I now see what is going on 19 here. 20 Yes, on December 30th of 21 2016, it appears from looking at the 22 document that Ms. Fischman forwarded my 23 suggestion to Tomoji. 24 Q. Exactly. Now, there was a 25 response, so I'm going to ask you to

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2	take a look at 885. That's for
3	A. I see it.
4	Q. And that is dated January 3,
5	2017, there is a redaction reflecting
6	attorney/client privilege. But above
7	that were the instructions given from
8	MCC, correct?
9	A. I see that.
10	Q. Was this communicated to you
11	by Ms. Fischman, to the best of your
12	recollection?
13	A. I'm sorry, but I just don't
L 4	know if this particular step in the
15	process was communicated to me or not.
16	Q. Okay. Then there is a
17	further communication.
18	A. I see that.
19	Q. That is dated now January 5,
2 0	2017; is that right?
21	A. Right.
22	Q. And that communication is
23	from Ms. Fischman back to MCC; is that
2 4	right?
2 5	A. I do see that, yes.

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Q. And just take a moment. It says, Dear Tomoji, thank you for your email. We are still discussing the offer among Josh, Nick and myself, and we're not ready to respond with a counterproposal. We will send you our recommendation as soon as possible.

So do you understand that as of January 5, 2017, there had not been a specific understanding as to what the offer should be back to Genomatica?

A. Do I understand -- gauging from the email, it appears that

Ms. Fischman was saying, Hold on, before we definitively say 2.5 split into two payments over the period of six months, let me and Nick and Josh consider this a little further and kind of update, or respond -- recommend a definitive course.

Q. Mr. Berman, you're not aware of any written communication from MCC with a specific authorization directing you and Ms. Fischman to take a specific

Page 86 1 J. BERMAN 2 offer to the Genomatica matter; is that 3 right? 4 I believe that's true, and 5 you can see that in the email of 6 January 3rd at 11:22 p.m., where Tomoji 7 did make the statement, Our 8 counterproposal should be 2.5 payable 9 in two installments over six months, as 10 suggested by Josh, I don't believe I'm 11 copied on that. So I can't tell you 12 from memory -- to the best of my 13 recollection, I didn't get a separate 14 email from Tomoji or from 15 Utsunomiya-san or anyone else saying, 16 Do X. 17 I'm going to ask you to take a look at the next exhibit. 18 19 The next exhibit, or the Α. 20 first page of the exhibit that we 21 have --22 Q. No, the next exhibit. 23 Α. Okay. 24 Which is the --Q. 25 Α. The next exhibit is 11, but

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     it's just the stuff that I have to
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     hand. Do you want me to go to 12?
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                 (Exhibit 11, marked for
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          identification, Bates stamped Def
          885.)
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           Q.
                 We're going to populate it.
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                 In the meantime, what are you
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     asking me to look at?
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                 It will be 12 in your
11
     package, Bates Def 2322.
12
           Α.
                 Okay, I'm there, thank you.
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                 (Exhibit 12, marked for
14
          identification, Bates stamped Def
15
         2322.)
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                 I've read it.
17
                 Okay. This is a
           Q.
     communication to Ms. Fischman
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     pertaining to the settlement, correct?
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                 That's correct. Well, among
           Α.
21
     other things.
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           Q.
                 Is it your understanding as
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     of January 5, 2017, at the time of this
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     email at 6:29 p.m., there was no
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     specific written communication from MCC
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with specific instructions as to what offer should be made in the Genomatica matter, correct?

- A. Yeah, it must have been, because I'm saying let's also decide firmly how we want to respond to the settlement email.
- Q. And in this specific email, it says, We don't have sufficiently concrete answers from Japan yet. What did you mean by that?
- A. What it sounds like, which is, you know, whether we want to say 2.5 over six months or something different, I think -- if memory serves, I didn't want to let Stiegler's proposal just kind of sit without a response. That seemed counterproductive, and maybe discourteous. And so you can see, that I suggest, you know, to the extent that we don't have a kind of a specific marching order or a precise strategy

down to the number, maybe I just send

Page 89 1 J. BERMAN 2 him a note saying, Thank you for kind 3 of reopening conversations, and we'll be back to you shortly. 4 5 I just want to make sure the 6 record is correct and reflects your 7 testimony accurately, Mr. Berman. 8 it your testimony that as of the 9 evening of January 5, 2017, you were 10 not aware of any specific instructions 11 from MCC as to the specific amount to 12 offer in the Genomatica litigation, 13 correct? 14 To the best of my Α. 15 recollection, that's correct. 16 And is it your testimony that 0. 17 -- withdrawn. 18 Did you have any 19 conversations with anyone from MCC 20 between January 5, 2017, at 6:29 p.m. 21 and the time of the offer that was made 22 on January 6, 2017, in the Genomatica 23 litigation? 24 I don't believe so. Α. That 25 would have entailed a call to Japan. Ι

Page 90 1 J. BERMAN 2 don't believe I had such a 3 communication, though. 4 Okay. And your Q. 5 understanding, just to make sure that we have a full record of your 6 7 recollection, your understanding of the 8 offer you made on January 6, 2017, was 9 based upon communications with 10 Ms. Fischman; is that right? 11 Yeah, just for my own -- oh, 12 I see, is it okay that I look at 13? 13 Yes, we're going to populate Q. 14 that for the rest of the group. I ask 15 you to take a look at Exhibit 13, and 16 I'll ask you what that document is, but 17 in the interim, while we have that put 18 up on the screen for the rest of the 19 group, it is Bates stamped Def 2315 to 20 Let me know when you've had a 2316. 21 moment to take a look at it. 22 (Exhibit 13, marked for 23 identification, Bates stamped Def 24 2315 to 2316.) 25 I read it. Α.

Page 91 1 J. BERMAN 2 Q. Okay. Could you identify for the record what Exhibit 13 is? 3 4 Yes, it's a response pursuant Α. 5 to Federal Rule of Evidence 408, which 6 is, pertains to the settlement 7 privilege, to Tony Stiegler's offer on 8 behalf of Genomatica, which was dated 9 December 28, 2016. And this is our counteroffer. Jen offered 1.5 in four 10 11 equal installments, and I am here 12 countering with 2.3 million to be paid within 30 days. So this is my 13 14 counteroffer. 15 Q. Mr. Berman, do you believe at 16 the time you made that offer on 17 January 6th, that you were authorized 18 to make that communication known to 19 opposing counsel in the Genomatica 20 litigation, based upon your 21 conversations with Ms. Fischman and 22 Ms. Fischman alone; is that right? 23 To the best of my Α. 24 recollection, yes. 25 Q. And is it your recollection

Page 92 1 J. BERMAN 2 -- withdrawn. 3 Is it your recollection that the directive given to you by 4 5 Ms. Fischman to make this offer was 6 relayed to you by telephone or some 7 other method? 8 Α. Well, you can see here that I 9 write to Mr. Stiegler, I have spoken to 10 my client, and that is consistent with 11 my best recollection, which could be 12 faulty, but it's consistent with my 13 best recollection that Ms. Fischman and 14 I spoke, and this was the result of 15 that communication. What I don't 16 remember is the specific words uttered 17 in my call with Jen. But obviously, it 18 led me to write this. 19 Okay. I ask you to take a Q. 20 look at Exhibit 14, and while we 21 populate that for the rest of the 22 group, it is Bates stamped 878 and 879. 23 (Exhibit 14, marked for 24 identification, Bates stamped Def 25 878 and 879.)

Page 93 1 J. BERMAN 2 Α. Okay, give me a second to It's slowed by all the 3 read it. 4 redactions. 5 0. Sure. 6 Α. Okay, I see it. 7 Okay, Mr. Berman, I will give Q. 8 you, then, a moment to take a look at 9 this communication, and I'm going to 10 direct your attention to Def 878. 11 understand that this communication from MCC to Mr. Oliva, and with a copy to 12 13 Ken Fujiwara, do you know who Ken 14 Fujiwara is? 15 No idea. Α. 16 That the offer that you had 0. 17 made on January 6th was not authorized 18 by MCC, correct? 19 I see that Tomoji is saying 20 he was surprised to hear that the offer 21 is made. So I have no independent 22 knowledge, but merely looking at the 23 document, I understand why you're 24 framing it that way. 25 Q. And you understand that MCC

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is setting forth their concerns about an offer made that they had not been made aware of prior to the offer being made, correct?

MR. BERMAN: Objection to form.

- A. I see the sentence that reads, Some MCC members are a little upset by the fact that Josh made it without advising us of the offer. Bit of a funny sentence, because I never would have called anyone in Japan without either Mr. Oliva or Ms. Fischman on the phone. That would have been, I believe, tactless and out of place for me to do that.
- Q. So I just want to make sure that the record is clear. You already stated under oath in your testimony that you had no communications with anyone from MCC between January 5 and the time you made the offer on January 6; is that accurate?
 - A. To the best of my

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2	recollection, that is correct.
3	Q. If you take a look at Exhibit
4	15, which is Bates stamped 844 and 845.
5	(Exhibit 15, marked for
6	identification, Bates stamped Def
7	844 and 845.)
8	A. These are the communications
9	between Mr. Oliva and Ms. Fischman?
10	Q. Yes.
11	A. Okay.
12	Q. Prior to this proceeding
13	A. Hold on, hold on, let me just
14	read it.
15	Q. I'm sorry, Mr. Berman, I
16	thought you had completed your review.
17	A. Okay, I see it.
18	Q. Had you seen these email
19	exchanges prior to today?
20	A. Not to the best of my
21	recollection, no.
22	Q. And I'm going to ask you to
23	take a look at 845, when Mr. Oliva
24	states to Ms. Fischman that it's his
25	understanding that you had delivered

Page 96 1 J. BERMAN 2 information to Genomatica pertaining to 3 the \$2.3 million offer prior to confirmation from MCC, do you see that? 4 5 Α. I do see it. And in Ms. Fischman's 6 0. 7 response on 844, she states that it was 8 done by her authority. Did you ever 9 have a conversation with Ms. Fischman 10 about this exchange between herself and 11 Mr. Oliva? 12 Α. To the best of my 13 recollection, no. 14 I'm going to ask, if we take 15 a moment, I need a five-minute break. 16 I think I'm done, but let me take a 17 five-minute break to confirm. 18 Α. Are there others besides you 19 who intend to ask questions? 20 I would ask counsel present Q. 21 if any questions are going to be asked 22 of Mr. Berman. 23 MR. BERMAN: This is Matthew 24 Berman speaking on behalf of 25 plaintiff, and the answer is likely

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2	yes, there may be some
3	cross-examination questions limited
4	to what you've already been asked
5	today.
6	THE WITNESS: Okay, great.
7	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Let me
8	take us off the record.
9	MR. BERMAN: Before you take
10	us off the record, I would also
11	like to note that we are reserving
12	the right to call this witness as a
13	deponent at some future point in
14	time.
15	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Stand by
16	to go off the record. We are now
17	off the record, the time is
18	12:30 p.m.
19	(Recess.)
20	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now
21	on the record, the time is
22	12:44 p.m., back from break.
23	Q. Mr. Berman, after January 6,
2 4	2017, do you recall having a
25	conversation with Mr. Oliva pertaining

Page 98 1 J. BERMAN 2 to the \$3.5 million offer you had made 3 on Genomatica on January 6, 2017? I don't recall a specific 4 Α. 5 conversation. There certainly could 6 have been one, but sitting here today, 7 can't recall if we had such a 8 conversation or not. 9 Q. In any conversation after 10 January -- do you recall any 11 conversations pertaining to the offer 12 that you had made on January 6, 2017, 13 pertaining to the Genomatica matter? 14 I don't remember if Mr. Oliva Α. 15 and I specifically addressed the 16 \$2.3 million counteroffer. I do, 17 obviously, recall working closely with Mr. Oliva to achieve the settlement 18 19 that we achieved. 20 Does it make logical sense to Q. 21 you that you would have a conversation 22 with Mr. Oliva about the \$2.3 million 23 offer made on January 6, 2017? 24 Α. It's very possible. Nick was

incredibly scrupulous, just sort of

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generally, I guess, about observing the

-- I don't mean the formalities, to
diminish them, but I mean about
observing protocols, and obviously -- I
mean, it's certainly possible, and Nick
was really clear about other
relationship matters and making sure we
always maintained composure no matter
what the other side did, and that sort
of thing, so it wouldn't surprise me at
all. I just can't recall if we had a
specific conversation on this narrow
topic or not.

Q. And just following the logic that you just expressed, in any conversation that you believe you may have had with Mr. Oliva pertaining to the \$2.3 million offer made on January 6th, you would have identified that offer was made pursuant to Ms. Fischman's authorization, correct?

A. If anyone would have asked me, I would have told the truth, including Nick.

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MR. BERMAN: Object to the form of the question. It takes me a moment to unmute. I don't mean to speak over the witness.

A. I'm speculating a little bit, but if you were to ask me what happened, I would -- if anybody, I would have told the truth, which is what we discussed today. So if that conversation did occur, and it's possible that other people's recollection is sharper than mine on this particular point, because I haven't been living this in the context of litigation the way you all have, I'd have no reason to doubt that.

Q. Okay.

MS. COLWIN: I have nothing further at the moment. I know that Matt Berman may have some questions for you, so I reserve my time to come back and ask you some further questions, if necessary. But I thank you, Mr. Berman.

Page 101 1 J. BERMAN 2 THE WITNESS: Sure. MS. COLWIN: 3 Matt. 4 MR. BERMAN: Sure, I just 5 have some questions to ask you 6 about your interaction with 7 Ms. Fischman. MS. DONEHOWER: Mr. Berman, 8 9 if I may, before you start, we've 10 made Mr. Berman available today as 11 a nonparty witness. I know you 12 reserved your right to call him 13 back, but we would ask, given that 14 he has made himself available today 15 and that you have the opportunity 16 to ask him questions, that you ask 17 him as much as possible, so that he 18 won't have to reappear. 19 MR. BERMAN: I understand 20 that concern, and we're going to do 21 our best not to recall the witness 22 unless it's absolutely necessary, 23 but we do need to reserve the right 24 to do so if it should become 25 necessary.

Page 102 1 J. BERMAN 2 EXAMINATION BY 3 MR. BERMAN: 4 When did you begin working Q. 5 with Ms. Fischman? As I believe I testified 6 Α. 7 earlier, and I may be off by a month or 8 two, in or around the area of 2016. 9 Q. Can you repeat the month, 10 please, if you know? 11 I don't have a specific month Α. 12 without a document. 13 Q. Okay. What role was 14 Ms. Fischman in when you first began 15 interacting with her? 16 I can't remember if 17 Ms. Fischman was still acting general 18 counsel, or if Nick had already arrived 19 at MCHA. I can't remember if that 20 happened before I was retained or 21 shortly after I was retained. 22 Q. Okay. Did you ever interact 23 with Ms. Fischman while she was in any 24 other title at the company? 25 It's possible, like I said. Α.

Page 103 1 J. BERMAN 2 It's possible -- well, the facts are 3 what they are. My recollection is that 4 I'm not, I don't recall when I was 5 first retained, whether Ms. Fischman 6 was still acting GC or whether she had 7 taken on the new title, and Mr. Oliva 8 had assumed the general counsel role. 9 It's possible it occurred before she 10 retained me or shortly after she 11 retained me. I'm afraid I just don't 12 remember. 13 Q. Did you ever interact in a 14 role with her prior to her becoming 15 general counsel? 16 No, not professionally. 17 don't know when she got that role, but 18 as I testified earlier, we would -- we 19 often sat next to each other in Hebrew 20 school, and would chat socially. 21 Ο. Okay. Did you work with her 22 on a number of matters? 23 Α. No. 24 Q. Only Genomatica? 25 Α. Genomatica, and Ms. Fischman

Page 104 1 J. BERMAN 2 previewed a litigation matter that is 3 still ongoing as something that may 4 become an issue that required outside 5 counsel. 6 0. Okav. I'm not going to ask 7 you the details of any other legal 8 matters other than Genomatica, okay? 9 Have you had the opportunity to work 10 with any other acting general counsel 11 or general counsel in your professional 12 capacity? 13 Α. Sure. 14 And generally speaking, did 15 you form an opinion of Ms. Fischman's 16 competency as an attorney? 17 Α. Yes. 18 Q. And what was your impression 19 of Ms. Fischman's competency as an 20 attorney? 21 I held her in high regard. Α. 22 Q. Okay. 23 Α. She was very engaged, and in 24 particular at one point in time I 25 remember I had drafted a motion.

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was very late at night, and I got it back from her with quite a lot of red lines, which I took in good spirits, and we worked together to refine whatever motion I was writing to improve it.

- Q. And in comparison with other attorneys that you've worked with in either an acting general counsel or general counsel role, would you say she was on the same level as those other professional relationships?
- A. Too hard a question to answer, Mr. Berman.
- Q. Okay, that's fair. Did you form any impression of her ethics as an attorney?
 - MS. COLWIN: Objection.
- A. I don't think I formed a specific impression, but not because I saw anything wrong, it's just that I have the default assumption that my GCs out of litigation are ethical, and unless I see something that would

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really startle me, I -- I wouldn't focus on that one way or the other.

- Q. Okay. Did anything in your interaction with Ms. Fischman give you cause to question her ethics as an attorney?
- A. To the best of my recollection, no.
- Q. Did you form an opinion as to the depth of her legal knowledge in the matters that you interacted with her on?
- A. I'm not sure what you mean by legal knowledge, but Jen, like Nick after her, rolled up her sleeves and was an active participant in the case. She wasn't hands-off. Some general counsels just hand you litigation, and you check in with them every few months, and that was not our -- that was not Ms. Fischman's style.
- Q. Okay. Did you observe her to have an appropriate level of legal knowledge for the position that she was

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2	in?
3	A. I'm not I'm not really
4	qualified to opine on that.
5	Q. Okay.
6	A. But I she seemed to be a
7	skilled attorney.
8	Q. Okay. And in communication
9	with Ms. Fischman, did you have any
10	withdrawn.
11	Did you form any opinion as
12	to the communication skills that
13	Ms. Fischman had through your
L 4	interaction with her?
15	MS. COLWIN: Objection.
16	A. Yeah, I'm not, I don't know,
17	I'm not sure how to answer that.
18	Q. Okay. Did you observe any
19	gaps in her communication ability as
2 0	you interacted with her?
21	MS. COLWIN: Objection.
22	A. I'm still, without trying to
23	be in any way difficult or not respond,
2 4	I'm not entirely sure what you mean.
25	Q. Were your communications that

Page 108 1 J. BERMAN 2 you received from Ms. Fischman clear? 3 I see, yes, I think, and she Α. was responsive. 4 5 Okay. 0. 6 Α. If I had a question, she 7 would respond quickly and so forth. 8 And her written Q. 9 communications to you -- withdrawn. 10 Did you have any opportunity 11 to observe Ms. Fischman's communication 12 with her clients? 13 Α. By her clients, do you mean 14 Tomoji and Utsunomiya-san? 15 Q. Yes, we can call them the 16 stakeholders, if that works for you. 17 Yeah, we had a number of Α. 18 phone calls together with those two 19 individuals in particular. 20 Utsunomiya-san is a scientist, and to 21 the best of my recollection, Minami-san 22 is an attorney, Japanese qualified 23 attorney. 24 Q. Okay. And did you observe 25 that her communications with those

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individuals were clear?

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There's a caveat to the Α. answer, which is that we had calls at like 11 at night or ten at night, and there were topics that were really complicated that we were discussing. So we -- for instance, there was a concern throughout that Genomatica could simply file for bankruptcy, and there was a material question as to what would happen to our claim, and in particular to intellectual property owned or held in some form by MCC if there were to be a bankruptcy. then if you layer on top of that a language barrier, my recollection is that Jen and I did our best to provide very detailed, and kind of all the pros and cons and lay out all the situations for Utsunomiya-san and Minami-san, but, you know, those are hard things to explain to anybody at a very high level in detail, let alone to folks for whom English is a second language and, you

Page 110 1 J. BERMAN 2 know, with such a time, yeah. 3 Moving on to the Genomatica 0. 4 matter, did you work with anyone other 5 than Ms. Fischman and Mr. Oliva on that matter from the Mitsubishi side? 6 7 MR. ANHANG: Excuse me, I'm 8 going to --9 MR. BERMAN: I'm going to 10 withdraw the question. 11 On the Genomatica matter, did 0. 12 you work with Ms. Fischman? 13 Α. Yeah. 14 0. Did you work with Mr. Oliva? 15 Α. Yes. 16 Did you work with any other Ο. 17 in-house attorneys on that matter? 18 Α. To the best of my 19 recollection, no. 20 And you already described the Q. 21 type of manner of litigation, but can 22 you tell us who is the plaintiff party 23 in that matter? 24 Mitsubishi Chemical Α. 25 Corporation.

Page 111 1 J. BERMAN 2 So when it came to settlement Q. 3 of that matter, do you recall -- do you recall attending, or I think you called 4 5 it an INE, right --6 Α. It's an ENE. 7 Q. An ENE? 8 And that's just southern Α. 9 district of Cal parlance. Different 10 courts call it different things. 11 SD Cal calls it an early neutral 12 evaluation. 13 Q. Right, so ENN -- or ENE, 14 right? 15 Α. ENE, that's right. 16 Okay. And do you recall 0. 17 whether the matter -- you were asked 18 about this earlier, but do you recall 19 testifying concerning whether the 20 matter settled at the first neutral 21 mediation? 22 Yeah, I now realize it 23 couldn't have, because we went out 24 there in November, didn't settle, and I 25 remember going to dinner with Nick and

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Tomoji and Utsunomiya-san. We were all exhausted, particularly the two gentlemen from Japan. After we successfully resolved the matter, this was in san Diego, so there must have been a second ENE that we attended or a further settlement conference of some kind.

- Q. Do you know whether that was on or around February of 2017?
- A. Yeah, that's right. Because I had moved to White & Case by that point, and right after I joined White & Case I went back -- you have refreshed my recollection. There were two ENEs. Right after I moved to White & Case, I went back out to San Diego, and I stayed at that hotel right across from the ballpark. And that's when Mr. Oliva and I were able to obtain a satisfactory settlement offer from Genomatica.
- Q. Okay. Turning your attention back to the first ENE, I'll just call

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2 it an ENE, does that work?

A. Yeah.

- Q. Okay. So turning your attention back to the first ENE, did you have express settlement authority at a fixed sum for that first ENE?
- A. Well, Nick was with me, and Nick was the designee of Mitsubishi
 Chemical Corporation who had settlement
 -- I didn't have anything. I had my boss and my client with me.
- Q. Understood. Do you know whether Nick had expressed settlement authority at a fixed sum?
- A. I don't know whether there was a fixed sum, but MCC had designated Nick in accordance with the rules as the person to participate in the ENE with settlement authority. So I would imagine either we had settlement authority, or there was some protocol put in place whereby if we got it and we were close, Nick would just pick up the phone and have a conversation with

Page 114 1 J. BERMAN 2 the folks in Japan and make a, you 3 know, decision on how to proceed. 4 You'd done other ENEs prior Q. 5 to that one, correct? 6 Α. I think that was my only 7 technical ENE in the southern district 8 of California, but I've certainly done 9 many mediations over the course of my 10 career, or settlement conferences, 11 sure. 12 Normally when you have a Q. 13 mediation or a settlement conference 14 when you're representing a party, do 15 you usually have settlement authority 16 that is specified to you ahead of time? 17 MS. COLWIN: Objection. 18 Α. With respect, I can't answer 19 that question in the form it's asked. 20 Okay. Did you have any Q. 21 discussions with Mr. Oliva about the 22 amount of settlement authority that 23 your team was bringing to the ENE? 24 MS. COLWIN: Objection.

I'm sure we did. But the

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fixation, not just by you, Mr. Berman, but by everyone, with me knowing a specific number as discussed between either Mr. Oliva and the folks in Japan or Ms. Fischman and the folks in Japan, sort of misapprehends the nature of the situation. If and -- when Nick and I were sitting there negotiating our hearts out and doing the best we could for the client to obtain the prevailing results, you know, we live in an age of smart phones and ongoing communication, and so I don't know that I ever said, you know, Nick, do we have a hard stop at X number or, you know, it was more realtime, you know, two colleagues or lawyer and client, but given that Nick and I were both attorneys, it was much more like two colleagues working in good faith to get to the best result we could. That's the best I could tell you.

Q. Thank you for explaining that. With respect to that first ENE,

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when you describe interactions in realtime, are you referring to your interactions with, Nick who attended with you, or are you referring to interactions with stakeholders who might be in Japan?

- A. Well, the stakeholders in Japan were obviously in Japan. But with both Jen and Nick, they were a phone call away, and cared about the result, clearly. And so I guess I was referring to my interactions with Nick, and the way that we -- I don't know the precise word. It felt like we were a team, and we were there to obtain the best result that we could.
- Q. Did you understand, when you attended the first ENE, that it would be necessary to communicate with people in Japan?
- A. I don't have an understanding one way or the other.
- Q. So it was your understanding that the settlement authority at the

Page 117 1 J. BERMAN 2 ENE would derive through Nick, correct? 3 Not exactly. What I said is Α. that Nick was designated as the 4 5 representative of MCC for the purposes 6 of the ENE. I didn't have a fully 7 formed, if you will, view one way or 8 the other on an issue that appears on 9 the outside to be central to the 10 litigation, which is from when 11 authority, you know, originated as to 12 every single point. But I viewed Nick 13 as, from my perspective, what Nick said 14 was what we were going to do. 15 Q. Okay. Did you -- normally --16 do you have an understanding of what it 17 means to designate somebody as the 18 representative for an ENE? 19 MS. COLWIN: Objection. 20 Yeah, I think so. Α. 21 Ο. Okay. Does that person who 22 is designated have to come to the ENE 23 in possession of some level of 24 settlement authority? 25 MS. COLWIN: Objection.

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A. I think that's probably right. But very often in practice, stakeholders, so like, I don't know what precise settlement authority conversations he had with Japan or didn't have with Japan, I wasn't privy to those. But my belief was that everybody on our side was acting in the best of faith to comply with the court rules, and more than that, achieve a result for our client.

- Q. Did you make any provisions for making sure you would have realtime access to stakeholders in Japan during the ENE?
- A. I don't -- I don't recall, you know, there's the time difference, and as I said, I don't recall, either, if Mr. Oliva had received specific directives from Japan as to a bottom line number. I just don't recall. It's very possible that they communicated to me at the first ENE, this is the bottom line as stated from

Page 119 1 J. BERMAN 2 Japan. But I can't recall the 3 conversation. Certainly could have 4 happened. I just, you know --5 So did you yourself make any 6 provision to be able to contact the 7 individuals in Japan during the ENE? 8 No. At least I don't believe Α. 9 If I just sent an email that 10 said -- I don't believe so. I mean, I 11 think Nick was the designee. 12 Did you have any discussion Q. 13 with Ms. Fischman leading up to the ENE 14 about having \$2 million of settlement 15 authority to settle the matter? 16 MS. COLWIN: Can we have the 17 question repeated, please. 18 MR. BERMAN: Read that back, 19 please. 20 (Requested portion of the 21 record was read back.) 22 Α. It's entirely possible that I 23 did, but sitting here today four years 24 later, more than four years later, I 25 just can't remember a specific

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conversation to that effect, yes or no.

- Q. Okay. Did you have any conversation with Mr. Oliva about having \$2 million of settlement authority for the ENE?
- A. Same answer, Mr. Berman, I absolutely may have had that conversation, but four years after the fact it's very hard to recall specific conversations one way or the other, whether we had it or not.
- Q. So whatever settlement authority was possessed at the ENE, you could have made any demand higher than that number, correct, during the ENE?

 MS. COLWIN: Objection.
- A. Not necessarily. I mean, you know, we were under a clear directive not to antagonize the other side, and in so doing, to impair the progress of settlement discussions. So I'm pretty sure Nick would have been displeased if, in the middle of the, ENE I turned to Stiegler and said, You know what,

Page 121 1 J. BERMAN 2 you're being difficult and you have no 3 basis for any of this, and now we want ten million. That was not --4 5 Let's try it again with the 6 proviso that we're not talking about a 7 situation where you're being 8 antagonistic or something. I'm asking 9 about the mechanics of settlement 10 authority on behalf of a plaintiff. 11 When a plaintiff makes a settlement --12 withdrawn. 13 When you go into settlement 14 on behalf of a plaintiff, and you're 15 granted an express amount of settlement 16 authority --17 I need to close my blinds, 18 because the sun is shining at a very 19 acute angle. 20 Q. Let me try asking the 21 question. 22 Α. It's very dark, is that okay 23 for the --24 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We need 25 more light -- there we go.

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- Q. I'm asking how the demand works and settlement authority works, and I want to make sure I understand correctly that where a client authorizes you with settlement authority on behalf of a plaintiff party, if their authority is X, that -- if your authority to settle the matter is X, then you're implicitly or expressly authorized to make any request for settlement above X; is that correct?
 - MS. COLWIN: Objection.
- A. It really depends on the client. I have some clients who really are hands-off in terms of -- and they really kind of leave it to me to go negotiate however I see fit, and I have other clients who are much more -- who have much more specific instructions.
 - Q. Okay, that's --
- A. I've been to mediations where they say, you know, or settlement conversations where they say, if you

Page 123 1 J. BERMAN 2 can get me to at least X, good, and how 3 you get there is up to you. 4 Q. Mm-hmm. 5 And I have other clients who 6 are more -- who have a more articulated 7 route and methodology that I am to 8 follow. 9 Ο. Okay. Absent a limiting 10 instruction of the kind that you just 11 identified, the mechanics of settlement 12 is what I'm asking about. If a client 13 provides you with a sum certain in 14 terms of your settlement authority, 15 aren't you then authorized to settle 16 that amount for anything above the sum 17 certain in the case --18 MS. COLWIN: Objection. 19 Α. Are you asking me if someone 20 says, get me ten million bucks, and the 21 other side offers me 15, do I believe 22 I'm authorized to take it? Yes. 23 0. Yes, okay, thank you. 24 And I ask for a bonus. Α. 25 Q. And you will have earned it.

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- Did you have any discussion with Mr. Oliva concerning who was providing him with his settlement authority?
- A. I mean, no, I knew that

 Mr. Oliva was in regular contact with

 the stakeholders in Japan, but he may

 have, in fact, just come back from

 Japan. At some point he took a trip

 either right before or after our ENE,

 first ENE. But I don't think I

 specifically said to the general

 counsel, Hey, you know, who gave you

 your settlement authority, that would

 be a little bit out of place for me to

 ask that kind of question.
 - Q. Okay. Did you have any other source of independent knowledge concerning where his settlement authority came from?
 - A. I don't believe so. If I understand your question correctly, I don't believe so.
- Q. Did you have any discussions concerning who should be designated as

Page 125 1 J. BERMAN 2 the representative to attend the ENE, 3 the initial one? 4 Not my call. Α. 5 0. Did you have any discussions 6 over that topic, though? 7 Briefly. I mean, I was Α. 8 somewhat surprised that -- I had 9 assumed it would be Ms. Fischman, 10 because she's the person I was working 11 with day-to-day, day in, day out. 12 we had sort of, I think Jen and I had a 13 conversation where we were both like, 14 okay, wow. It designated Nick. 15 you know, my attention turned pretty 16 quickly -- it wasn't a derisive 17 conversation, it was just surprise on 18 my part, at least, and my attention 19 turned pretty quickly to wanting to 20 make sure that I could get Nick up to 21 speed and get him any information that 22 he needed --23 0. Okay. 24 -- and wanted to know about. Α. 25 Q. And up until that point, you

Page 126 1 J. BERMAN 2 had been interacting with Jennifer 3 Fischman as your primary contact on the 4 matter? 5 Α. Correct. 6 0. Did you have any discussions 7 with Ms. Fischman concerning the amount 8 of settlement authority that was being 9 brought to the ENE? 10 It's totally possible that I 11 did, but sitting here today I can't 12 remember one way or the other. 13 Q. Would you have had any 14 conversations with anyone else 15 concerning the amount of settlement 16 authority that was being brought to the 17 ENE? Either Mr. Oliva or 18 Α. 19 Ms. Fischman would have been the two 20 people I spoke to about that topic. 21 Well, I suppose it's possible, I would 22 have to see my phone records. It's 23 possible that Nick and I had a call 24 with Japan prior to the first ENE, and

we had representatives from Japan at

Page 127 1 J. BERMAN 2 the second ENE. I just don't remember. 3 So when you say, did you have such a 4 call, I don't want to say definitively 5 The correct answer is I don't 6 remember. 7 Q. Would your attorney records 8 reflect any such conversations? 9 Α. Probably. 10 Do you know if they still Q. 11 exist? 12 Α. I have no idea. 13 Q. Okay. Would those have been 14 at your prior firm or your current 15 firm? 16 Considering we're talking 17 about the time period of the first ENE, 18 which is in 2016, they would be at my 19 prior firm. 20 Did there come a time when 0. 21 the Genomatica matter was settled? 22 Α. There did. 23 0. And do you know whether any 24 of the settlement terms reflected a 25 payment over some period of time?

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2	A. I do believe there were
3	payments over time, yeah.
4	Q. Do you know what the length
5	of the time period is?
6	MS. DONEHOWER: Mr. Anhang
7	and Ms. Colwin, can you let us know
8	if Mr. Berman is able to answer
9	these questions?
10	MS. COLWIN: It's going to be
11	Mr. Anhang.
12	MR. ANHANG: So far, yes,
13	I'll jump in to caution and direct
1 4	the witness, but Josh, go ahead.
15	THE WITNESS: Did you say go
16	ahead?
17	MR. ANHANG: Yes.
18	A. I'm sorry, can you ask the
19	question again? I lost it.
2 0	MR. BERMAN: Can you read it
21	back, please?
22	(Requested portion of the
23	record was read back.)
2 4	A. I'm sorry, forgive me. I'm a
2 5	little lost.

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2	Q. Just asking if you know what
3	the payment term was.
4	A. I would have to look at the
5	settlement agreement.
6	Q. Okay. Is the settlement
7	confidential?
8	A. Probably.
9	Q. Okay. I won't ask you any
10	further questions on the details, then.
11	MR. BERMAN: Mr. Anhang?
12	MR. ANHANG: Yes.
13	MR. BERMAN: Okay, do you
14	have any objection to me asking him
15	the amount of the final
16	settlements?
17	MS. COLWIN: I'm going to
18	raise an objection.
19	MR. BERMAN: Whose objection
20	is that?
21	MS. COLWIN: Mercedes Colwin.
22	I'm just reserving it. Relevance
23	is what I would say, but
2 4	MR. BERMAN: Maybe can I ask
25	it a different way, and we can see

Page 130 1 J. BERMAN 2 if there's a problem with that. 3 0. Do you know if the matter 4 ultimately settled for more than 5 2.3 million? 6 Α. I don't think it did. 7 Q. Okay. 8 Α. Except that I would say, 9 sorry, there were some IP -- there was 10 some -- let me rephrase. There was 11 some nonmonetary components of the 12 settlement, and I don't know how to 13 value those. 14 Do you know whether the 15 monetary component of the settlement 16 ended up being more than \$2.3 million? 17 Α. I don't believe it was. 18 MS. COLWIN: Objection. 19 Q. Do you know whether it was 20 more than \$2 million? 21 I feel like it was right 22 around there. I really would have to 23 go back and look. 24 Q. Did you work with Jennifer 25 Smith on the Genomatica matter in the

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2	first week of January of 2017?
3	A. With Jennifer Smith?
4	Q. I'm sorry, Jennifer Fischman,
5	excuse me.
6	A. Did I work on the Genomatica
7	matter with Jen in the first week of
8	January 2016?
9	Q. 2017, yeah.
10	A. 2017.
11	Q. Mm-hmm.
12	A. I think so, yeah, that's when
13	we had the call with I think so.
L 4	Q. Do you recall being asked
15	questions about exhibits relating to
16	the first week of January
17	A. Yeah, yeah, I think that's
18	right, I think so.
19	Q. And do you recall one of the
2 0	emails that we reviewed today
21	mentioning that Jennifer was out sick
2 2	for the week?
23	A. I do, I'm I do recall
2 4	seeing that.
2 5	Q. Okay. And do you recall

Page 132 1 J. BERMAN 2 Ms. Fischman being out sick for a week in the beginning of January of 2017? 3 4 I don't have an independent Α. 5 recollection of that, but I have no 6 reason to doubt it. 7 Did you have any discussions Q. 8 with Ms. Fischman concerning the amount 9 of an appropriate settlement after the 10 first ENE completed? 11 We must have, right? I mean, Α. 12 the first ENE was in November. 13 Q. Mm - hmm. 14 And the emails we looked at 15 were from a time period subsequent to 16 So yes, Ms. Fischman and I 17 continued to work together after the first ENE. 18 19 On or about the beginning of Q. 20 January of 2017, did you have a 21 conversation with Ms. Fischman concerning a discussion she related to 22 23 you between her and Mr. Oliva 24 concerning the settlement amount?

On or about what date?

Page 133 1 J. BERMAN 2 In the first week of Q. 3 January 2017. 4 Did Jen have a conversation 5 with me about a conversation she had 6 with Nick? 7 Q. Yes. 8 It's possible, but I just 9 don't remember. 10 Okay. Did Ms. Fischman 11 suggest to you that Nick wanted to make 12 a settlement demand of \$2.2 million? 13 Α. I'm sorry, I feel -- wish I 14 had a more precise recollection of 15 these daily events, but it's possible 16 she did, but I just don't have a 17 specific recollection one way or the 18 other. 19 Did you have any conversation Q. 20 with Ms. Fischman concerning the 21 \$2.3 million settlement demands? 22 Α. Must have, because I wouldn't 23 have written to Anthony Stiegler, I 24 have been authorized to come in at 2.3, 25 unless I had been authorized to come in

Page 134 1 J. BERMAN 2 at 2.3. 3 Ο. Okay. Did you have any -did Ms. Fischman relate to you that she 4 5 was authorized by Mr. Oliva to make 6 that demand? 7 I just can't remember. 8 mean, for what it's worth, Mr. Berman, 9 I wouldn't in the ordinary course have 10 questioned Jen on one of her marching 11 She was, you know, I answered 12 to her, as I did with Mr. Oliva, and 13 she was conscientious and up to date, 14 to the best of my discernment, and 15 like, I would never have said to her, 16 you know, Hey, person who hired me, 17 prove to me that you're actually 18 authorized to give me this, it's just 19 not a question I would have asked. 20 Okay. So you understood at Q. 21 the time that the 2.3 million that 22 Ms. Fischman conveyed to you, that she 23 was authorized to do that, correct? 24 MS. COLWIN: Objection. 25 Α. I would say I assumed that.

Page 135 1 J. BERMAN 2 Q. Okay, but you --3 You know, I -- that's the Α. 4 best way I know how to answer the 5 question, I assumed that. 6 Okay. And do you recall her 7 being sick at the time? 8 I saw the email, we talked Α. 9 about it. 10 MS. COLWIN: Objection. 11 And so she totally may have Α. 12 well been sick at the time, I just 13 don't have a recollection of whether 14 she was or wasn't. 15 So after this \$2.3 million Q. 16 demand was made, do you know whether 17 the demand was accepted? I do know. 18 Α. 19 Q. Was it accepted? 20 Α. No. 21 Okay. Was it withdrawn? Q. 22 Α. That's a little weird. I 23 don't know if we were going to a second 24 ENE pretty quickly after that, or 25 Stiegler reached out to me again.

Page 136 1 J. BERMAN 2 don't recall -- he might have 3 countered, I really don't recall. I don't think, I don't think that I 4 5 called him up and said, I just want you 6 to know this is wrong. 7 Q. Did anyone at Mitsubishi 8 instruct you to withdraw the 9 \$2.3 million demand after it was 10 articulated? 11 MR. ANHANG: I'm going to 12 object to that on the grounds, 13 among other things, that it's vague 14 with regard to the use of the term Mitsubishi. Not at all clear to me 15 16 who is being referenced by the use 17 of the term Mitsubishi. 18 MR. BERMAN: That's fair. 19 Let's clarify. Did Mr. Oliva Q. 20 instruct you to withdraw the demand 21 after it was articulated? 22 Α. Not to the best of my 23 recollection. 24 Q. Okay. Did any of his 25 colleagues instruct you to withdraw the

Page 137 1 J. BERMAN 2 demand? 3 Α. I only ever spoke to 4 Mr. Oliva and to Ms. Fischman about 5 this matter. 6 0. Okay. So nobody instructed 7 you to withdraw the demand? 8 Again, it's possible that Α. 9 someone did. But to the best of my 10 recollection, sitting here today, I 11 can't remember a communication to that 12 effect. 13 Q. Okay. When you went to the second ENE, did you have any express 14 15 settlement authority that you were 16 aware of? 17 Α. Well, at the second ENE, 18 Utsunomiya-san and Minami-san were 19 together with us, so we had, if you 20 will, the litigant itself right there. 21 So I understood at a remove that, you 22 know, they had to, they ultimately 23 answer to Takimoto-san and other --24 maybe Sakaquchi-san and other very 25 senior people -- or I can just give a

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clearer answer, which is at the second ENE, we had representatives from Japan with us. So it was, you know, the litigant itself, the captioned litigant was sitting in the room physically.

- Q. Okay. Do you know whether after making the \$2.3 million demand, was any demand for a higher dollar value ever articulated?
- A. It's not impossible, but I doubt it.
- Q. Okay. Did you ever have a discussion with Ms. Fischman where she informed you that she just came from Nick Oliva's office to discuss the settlement?
- A. It's totally possible. I can't dispute it or confirm it. I'm sorry about all of you for my evidently deficient recollection of these events.
- Q. That's fine, you know what you know and you remember what you remember, we appreciate --
 - A. I have been on the other side

Page 139 1 J. BERMAN 2 of this conversation so many times and 3 wondered, how can you not remember these things. 4 5 I understand. Did 6 Ms. Fischman ever discuss with you any 7 disagreement with Mr. Oliva concerning 8 whether to demand a number of 2.2 or \$2.3 million? 9 10 I don't recall that. Α. 11 0. Okay. Did there come a time 12 when Ms. Fischman was terminated? 13 Α. To the best of my 14 understanding, yes. 15 Q. Okay. How did that come to 16 your attention? 17 Α. Nick called me, and in a very 18 modulated way, said, I want you to hear 19 this from me. We had to -- words to 20 the effect of -- I'm not purporting to 21 quote him -- we've had to separate from 22 Ms. Fischman. I recall Nick being 23 careful to say, we don't want to 24 involve you, and this is not, we don't 25 feel that you've done anything, you,

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Josh, have done anything improper or unwarranted. And this is between, sort of between us on our side of the table, and we kind of left it at that. I mean, it seemed that if Nick wanted to tell me more, he could have told me more, but he was, you know, being discreet.

- Q. Okay. What was your reaction to learning that Ms. Fischman had been terminated?
 - A. I was surprised.

MS. COLWIN: Objection.

- Q. Why were you surprised?
- 16 I had no knowledge -- well, 17 two reasons. I told you that I had a 18 good opinion of Jen as a conscientious 19 attorney and as devoted and, you know, 20 to the case and our work. And two, I 21 had no knowledge that there's any 22 friction behind the scenes that might 23 lead to something, but -- like that.

24 But of course, and this is very

important for me to say, I don't know

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what I don't know. Whatever things took place outside of my presence took place outside of my presence, and I can't express an opinion one way or the other, and don't want to be understood as expressing an opinion one way or the other as to what's right and what's wrong here relative to the claim at issue.

- Q. I understand.
- A. I have no knowledge of that.
- Q. Okay, I'm just interested in what you've observed in the preceptory sense way. Okay.
 - Did Ms. Fischman ever call you after she was terminated?
 - A. We spoke at some point. Like I said earlier, we went to dinner with Lee and Lisa at a Colombian restaurant in Portchester. I can't remember if the barbecue at Ms. Fischman's house -- I think that was before her termination.
 - Q. After her termination, did

Page 142 1 J. BERMAN 2 she call you to inform you that she had 3 been terminated? So right around the time you had spoken to Mr. Oliva. 4 5 Probably. Probably, but I'm 6 not positive, actually. 7 All right. Do you recall any Q. of the elements of that discussion? 8 9 What did she say to you, what you say 10 to her? 11 Α. I think there was something 12 around, to the best of my recollection, 13 there was something about Ms. Fischman 14 having just conducted an ethics 15 seminar. 16 0. Okay. 17 And her being shocked, 18 essentially, that after that she would 19 be -- she was terminated. 20 Okay. Did you have any 21 discussion with her about the 22 \$2.3 million settlement demand after 23 she was terminated? 24 Α. I don't believe so, but I 25 can't -- I just can't say definitively.

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I mean, at this point, just so everyone knows, I was like, Oh, boy, you know, this is a very uncomfortable position, a few people I respect and like. I hope not to be in the middle of this. And everyone has largely honored that, for which I'm grateful. It's possible that the subject of the 2.3 was brought up in a conversation with Jen. I'm sorry that I can't give you more detail.

- Q. Okay, I appreciate that. So as between these two phone calls, do you know sequentially the order of them, did one happen before the other?
- A. First of all, I'm not sure there were two.
 - Q. Okay.
- A. Second of all, I'm also trying to separate out, like, a social call, which could have gone to my wife -- by the way, we also played doubles tennis once. At any rate, I'm sorry, I don't have greater detail than

Page 144 1 J. BERMAN 2 that. 3 Q. Okay. Was there any 4 discussion over whether the 5 \$2.3 million demand was authorized 6 after she was terminated, Ms. Fischman? 7 Totally possible that when 8 Jen called to let me know she was 9 terminated, totally possible the issue 10 you're describing came up, but I can't 11 attest to it one way or the other. 12 Do you know where the 13 \$2.3 million figure came from? 14 I mean, I had a view -- the 15 answer is no, but I have a view, which 16 was that I proposed 2.5 split over six 17 months, and it didn't seem in any way bizarre to say, Well, let's knock the 18 19 number down a little bit, but 20 illuminate the chronological runway. 21 I don't have a specific knowledge of the derivation of the 22 23 figure, but it didn't strike me in the 24 moment as, like, a -- it seemed 25 perfectly logical.

Page 145 1 J. BERMAN 2 Q. Okay. Did Ms. Fischman inform you that there is an allegation 3 4 that she had breached her attorney's 5 ethics? 6 Α. I want to say that rings a 7 bell, Mr. Berman, because I think 8 that's why the ethics seminar or ELE or 9 whatever it might have been must have 10 come up. 11 Do you know the general 0. 12 nature of the accusation? 13 Α. I mean, I've got the 14 complaint in front of me. 15 Q. I'm just interested in your 16 independent knowledge. 17 At a very high level, very 18 high level, there was some 19 miscommunication between Jen and Japan 20 that either was or wasn't wrongful, 21 depending on who you ask, and -- sorry 22 for the noise -- the claim revolved 23 around that, I believe. And, you know, 24 there's obviously a formal wrongful 25 termination suit.

Page 146 1 J. BERMAN 2 Q. Okay. Do you know whether the \$2.3 million demand was higher than 3 4 any previously disclosed settlement 5 authority that either Nick Oliva or Jen 6 Fischman had? 7 MS. COLWIN: Objection. 8 Q. Do you understand the 9 question? 10 Α. Not really. 11 0. Okay. So do you know whether 12 the \$2.3 million settlement demand was 13 higher than any settlement authority 14 previously revealed to you? 15 MS. COLWIN: Objection. 16 Do you understand the 0. 17 question? 18 MR. ANHANG: I'm going to 19 join in that objection, and indeed, 20 I'm joining all objections made by 21 MCHA's counsel. 22 Α. I don't -- I don't know. Ι 23 just don't recall, sorry. 24 possible that at a certain point we 25 made -- and I'm not sure if it was a

Page 147 1 J. BERMAN 2 settlement, we certainly set it up in 3 the complaint, plus that's what you're 4 interested in, other relief. I just 5 don't remember if that was communicated 6 in the settlement conversation. 7 Okay. Prior to the Q. 8 \$2.3 million settlement demand, were 9 you ever made aware of any express 10 settlement authority at a specific 11 amount or higher? 12 MS. COLWIN: Objection. 13 Α. I don't recall. 14 Did you ever participate in 0. 15 any telephone calls or other verbal 16 communications where you were on with 17 both Ms. Fischman and Mr. Oliva at the same time? 18 19 What's another verbal Α. 20 communication besides a telephone call? 21 Could have been face to face. 0. 22 Α. I don't believe I ever saw 23 them in a face-to-face. 24 Q. Okay. 25 I don't believe I've ever Α.

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spoken to them at the same time on the phone, but I can't rule that out.

MR. BERMAN: Just checking my notes, I think we might be done.

MR. ANHANG: Matthew, while you're referring to your notes, let me just say something at this point. This may go to any further questions you have, but I know it goes to some questions you already There have obviously been asked. some references that have been put on the record today with regard to the ultimate actual settlement agreement between MCC and Genomatica, and I want to designate those references as confidential. They should be treated as confidential by all counsel here, and others, and anyone who wants to make a disclosure of any of those references, I would insist that they contact me first to discuss them.

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2	REPORTER: Should I mark the
3	transcript confidential?
4	MS. COLWIN: Yes, please.
5	MR. ANHANG: Matthew, any
6	objection to what I just said?
7	MR. BERMAN: To requesting
8	your authorization prior to
9	disclosure of any confidential
10	portions of the transcript; is that
11	what it was?
12	MR. ANHANG: Also designating
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14	MR. BERMAN: I have no
15	objection to designating any
16	portion of the transcript relating
17	to the settlement amount or the
18	settlement terms as confidential,
19	and my understanding is that
20	there's a confidentiality agreement
21	or order in the case, but counsel
22	can correct me if I'm
23	misremembering.
24	MS. COLWIN: There is, I was
25	about to state on the record that

Page 150 1 J. BERMAN 2 there is a stipulation of 3 protective order so ordered by SCNY, and we're going to abide by 4 5 the protocols in place. We will abide by 6 MR. BERMAN: 7 the protocols as well, obviously. 8 0. You referred to an individual 9 earlier named Takimoto-san, correct? 10 Α. I think so. 11 0. Was Takimoto-san involved in 12 the first ENE? 13 Α. I think Takimoto-san was the 14 boss of the whole kit and caboodle. Hе 15 might have been extremely high-ranking. 16 So no, at least not directly. 17 Going into the first ENE, did Q. 18 you have a sense of what you can 19 actually settle the matter for? 20 Sorry, I don't recall. Α. 21 Ο. Okay. And did you have any written authorization of your 22 23 settlement amount with Nick going into 24 that ENE? 25 Α. Did I have any written

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2	authorization? No, Nick was with me.
3	Q. I mean, was there any written
4	record leading into the ENE that set
5	forth what the likely settlement range
6	was, or what your actual authority to
7	settle was?
8	MS. COLWIN: Objection,
9	there's been two ENEs. Can we just
10	get a clarification which one?
11	MR. BERMAN: I'm only asking
12	about the first ENE.
13	MS. COLWIN: November 16,
14	2016?
15	MR. BERMAN: Right.
16	A. I just don't know the answer
17	to that.
18	Q. Okay.
19	MR. BERMAN: I have no
20	A. It's also possible I wasn't
21	copied on it.
22	MR. BERMAN: I have no
23	further questions for the deponent
2 4	at this time, thank you.
25	MS. COLWIN: I need to take a

Page 152 1 J. BERMAN 2 two-minute break. THE VIDEOGRAPHER: 3 Stand by, I'm going to change out this media 4 5 This is the end of media 6 unit number two, we are now off the 7 record at 1:46 p.m. 8 (Recess.) 9 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: This is 10 the beginning of media unit number 11 three, we are now on the record at 12 1:54 p.m. 13 Mr. Berman, you had testified 14 earlier that you had worked with 15 Ms. Fischman on two matters; 16 Genomatica, which we have talked to 17 extensively today, but also another 18 matter, Mitsubishi Chemical Composites; 19 is that right? 20 Yeah, but we didn't really 21 work together in the second one. 22 just sort of previewed that it may be 23 something that was coming down the 24 pike. 25 Q. I just wanted to make sure

Page 153 1 J. BERMAN 2 the record is clear, your knowledge of 3 Jennifer's work is really limited to your interactions with Ms. Fischman in 4 5 the Genomatica matter then, correct? 6 Α. That's right. 7 MS. COLWIN: Mr. Berman, I so appreciate your time. Thank you 8 9 for obliging with the subpoena that 10 was issued. We appreciate it. 11 know that you have many other 12 things on your plate, and spending 13 time with us may not be the first 14 thing you thought of today, so we 15 do appreciate the time you spent 16 with us. I have nothing further. 17 MR. BERMAN: Thank you, 18 nothing further at this time. 19 MR. ANHANG: Nothing further 20 on my end. 21 MS. COLWIN: Thank you all 22 very much. 23 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Counselor, 24 I'm sorry, we are concluded, 25 correct?

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2	MS. COLWIN: We are
3	concluded.
4	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are off
5	the record at 1:55 p.m., and this
6	concludes today's testimony given
7	by Joshua Berman. The total number
8	of media units used was three, and
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